

Ancient Cultures of Middle America Week 15  
(Week 15 is Thursday)

## **New Worlds: The Conquest and Gold**

**Wiki questions for the Ancient Middle America  
Final exam were due Friday, 5 December 2014.  
If you didn't get your question(s) in, please do that  
*right now:***

[Contribute Your Question to the Final Exam Wiki](https://ay14.moodle.umn.edu/mod/url/view.php?id=35810)  
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**This week we will do a brief in-class evaluation, which is a  
supplement to the one which our IT folks will send you  
Monday on-line.**

Please complete both of them carefully and thoughtfully as they are very  
important to this class, and to the Department and College.



Week 15 begins on Thursday—in fact, this semester Week 15 *is* Thursday—and we'll end with a focus on what the Conquistadors focused on—**gold**.

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video:  
***The Sweat of the Sun***  
(52 min., 1975, VC 169)

(slides)


[course viewing guide](#)



Aztec Gold



Aztec Gold





Inca Gold

At the very end of the film note the similarities between some of these practices at Laguna de Guatavita (Columbia) and the offerings at the sacred cenote at Chichén Itzá



*Sweat of the Sun* is one of those films that is an older film, but still the best one for our purposes. It's rare, for example, to see "*vaqueros*"—grave robbers—at work. And we'll learn about the **Legend of *El Dorado***—"The Golden One."

Check the activities and assignments of the week on your **Moodle** HomePage. This week the *Forum* focuses on your favorite things . . .and about what your not-so-favorite things might be . . .

-  [Response to the film \*The Sweat of the Sun\* \(Due by the end of Week 15—Friday, 12 December 2014; Your Name Will Be Logged\)](#)
-  [Forum: My Favorite Ancient Middle America . . . And My Least Favorite \(Due at the End of Final](#)




[Exam Week, Saturday, 20 December 2014\)](#)

Check the results of the class Video Responses from earlier weeks when they close. You can find the results in the **Moodle** Blocks where they first appeared. This week have a look at . . .

-  Results--"Forests of the Maya" f2014
-  Results--*Culture and Math: The Maya* f2014
-  Results--*Cracking the Maya Code* f2014
-  Results--*Maya Lords of the Jungle* f2014
-  Results--*Lost Kingdoms of the Maya* f2014
-  Results--*Out of the Past: "The Collapse"* f2014
-  Results--*Out of the Past: "New Worlds"* f2014
-  [Results--\*Chichén Itzá: At the Mouth of the Well\* f2014](#)

Share your ideas. This might be helpful in preparing for the final exam. Discuss them on-line with the others in class . . .

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-  Wiki for Project Collaboration
-  Live chat for Project Collaboration
-  Wiki for Project Collaboration
- QUICKMAIL (see sidebar)

The above items will be found at the top of your **Moodle** folder under "Student Collaboration Space".

This week's **(1) Topics, (2) Reading Assignments Listings, and (3) Activities** are detailed in the Week 15 Block of your **Moodle** folder.

## Final Exam

**The Live Chat for the Ancient Middle America Final Exam will be **Thursday, 18 December 2014, 7:00-8:00 p.m.****

[<https://av14.moodle.umn.edu/mod/chat/view.php?id=35832>](https://av14.moodle.umn.edu/mod/chat/view.php?id=35832)

**Sign in on Moodle.**

**The f2014 Ancient Middle America Final Exam will be at 10:00-11:55 p.m. on Friday, 19 December 2014, in Cina 214 Moodle**

REM: Bring your Laptop



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As usual, if you have any questions, please let me know: <mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu>.

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