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Ancient Middle America Week 6



Our Three-week Tour Continues

Preclassic Period
and Catch Up / Review / Preview

REM: Midterm Exam Next Week



21 February 2019

**This week . . .
we finish our
Three-week Tour of Ancient
Middle America.**

This week we're going to visit the Preclassic Olmec site of what is often said to be the "Mother Culture" of Ancient Middle Americans . . .

[Excavations at La Venta](#)

(29 min., 1986, VC 3284)

[By the way, this is NOT the same La Venta that the folks searching for the Lost Cave People are talking about.]

And we'll finish off our tour by having a look at why the folks that built the ancient Olmec site of La Venta in the modern-day state of Tabasco WERE NOT people who spread out ("diffused") from Egypt after building the famous Ancient Pyramids there:

["Looking for One Beginning: The Fallacy of Diffusionism"](#)

From the series *Lost Worlds: The Story of Archaeology*

[Films for the Humanities](#)

(51 min., 2001, UM DULUTH Library Multimedia CC100 .L66 2002 DVD)

On Tuesday before going off to La Venta we're going to catch up a little bit on things to review the materials, and look at some of the material we missed when UMD shut down, and begin preparations for the Midterm Exam.

Time permitting we'll have a look at the **stage criteria** for the **Archaic** and the **Preclassic** periods, and if we have time, we'll also very briefly review the **Basic Terms Used in American Archaeology** (but it is more likely that we'll have a look at those later on).

We'll also have a brief review the Midterm Exam which is next week.

**... in class, Thursday, 26 February 2019.
Bring your computer.**



Use the annotated questions from the Discussion assignment of last week as study questions.

Your questions are annotated; be sure to read my comments and suggestions about the questions. The Midterm will be four essay questions, selected from a pool generated from those included in the Discussion:

MA 5 Midterm Exam Submitted Question to use as Study Questions


https://canvas.umn.edu/courses/89426/discussion_topics/294478

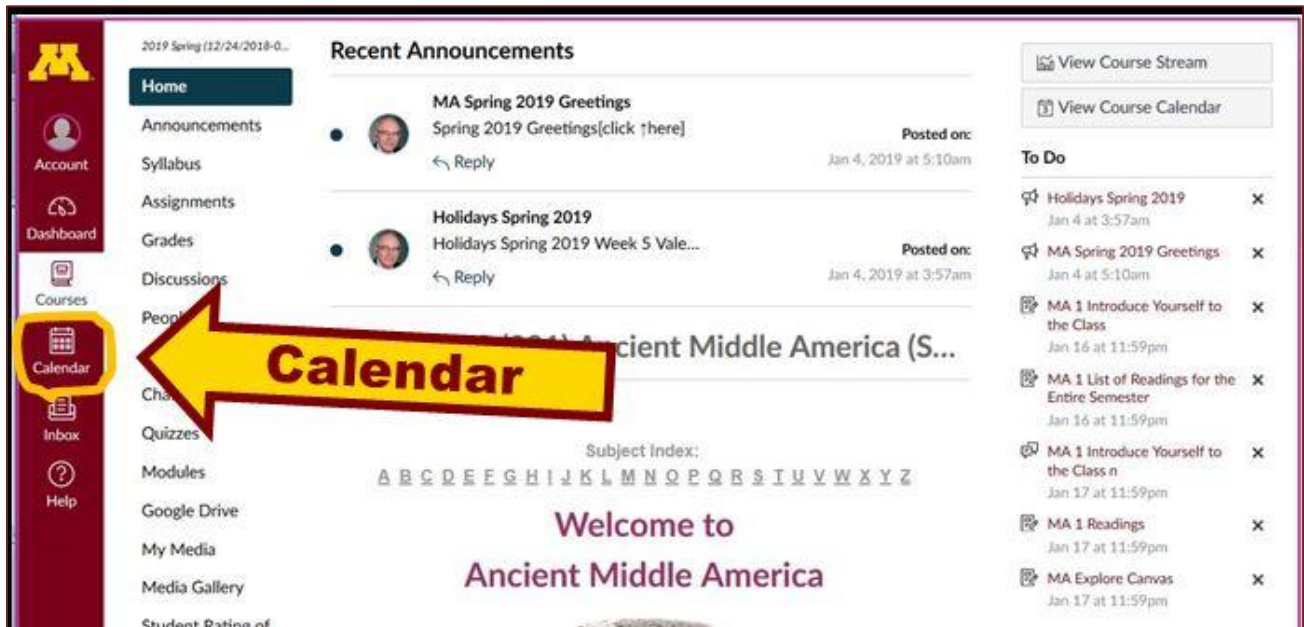
More Information on the Midterm Exam is available at

<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3618/maexams.html#midsemester>.







This Week's Assignments and Events

... this week are listed on your "Calendar".

They are also listed on the "Syllabus" section of your  canvas folder, if you prefer to have them in another form (see below).



This Week's "Calendar"

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
 Week 6	 MA 6 Readings	 9:01a MA 5 Video: Excavations at La Venta (20 min.)		 9:01a MA 6 Video: Looking for One Beginning: The Fallacy of Diffusionism (51 min.)		 MA 6 Forum: Oldest American Artefact
				 9:01a MA Anthropology Day 2019		

And the “Syllabus” version is found here:



In the “Syllabus” version the assignments look like this:

Sun Feb 17, 2019	Week 6	12am
Mon Feb 18, 2019	MA 6 Readings	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 19, 2019	MA 5 Video: Excavations at La Venta (20 min.)	due by 9:01am
Thu Feb 21, 2019	MA 6 Video: Looking for One Beginning: The Fallacy of Diffusionism (51 min.)	due by 9:01am
	MA Anthropology Day 2019	due by 9:01am
Sat Feb 23, 2019	MA 6 Forum: Oldest American Artefact	due by 11:59pm

If you have any **questions** right now, please do not hesitate to p them on the canvas Course “Chat”, or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stc Cina 215 before or after class.

Best Regards,

Tim Roufs

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