LD 5: Map and Chronology Review

Introduction: Our understanding of Mesoamerican civilizations is necessarily enhanced by our ability to place these civilizations into a temporal-spatial framework in which both cultural regions or space and chronology or time frame our understanding. Today's Lab Deliverable is intended to allow us revisit the question of cultural regions and chronology for Mesoamerica's major cultural and artistic sub-regions and timelines. You are to use any and all available resources – books, maps, Internet, etc. -- to identify and briefly define the major artistic, cultural, and ethnic sub-regions of Mesoamerica.

Assignment: Using the attached map, chronology chart and or evolutionary timeline, please identify the major geographic sub-regions and cultural timelines that define the following major civilizations and artistic traditions. Where the map is concerned, you should be prepared to circle that region that most closely corresponds to the location of the civilization or art tradition identified. Where the chronology chart is included, you should be prepared to identify the place of said civilization or tradition by inserting the name/number of the civilization (e.g., Olmec, Teotihuacan, Toltec, Aztec) into the area of the chronology chart (e.g., Preclassic, Classic, Post Classic) that most accurately identifies the period during which that civilization flourished. Finally, where the evolutionary timeline or flow chart is involved, you should indicate the relative placement and associations of one civilization or group to another. In this latter case, your professor will assist your group in confirming relative associations between the varied civilizations and traditions during the course of the exercise (use the erasable board to prepare your flow chart diagram).

Key Words: Civilizations (Match Civilizations/numbers with Map regions)

1. Aztec	2. Olmec	3. Toltec	4. Tlaxcalteca	5. Huastec
6. Teotihuacan	7. Lowland Maya	8. Itza	9. Quiche	10. Zapotec
11. Mixtec	12. Putun	13. Tarascan	14.Hist. Olmec	15. Cholulteca
16. Chichimeca	17. Tol. Chichimec	18. H. Maya	19. Matlatzinca	20. Otomi
21. Xochimilca	22. Mexica	23. Acolhua	24. Totonac	25. Izapa

Key Words: Cities

Cholula	Tenochtitlan	Monte Alban	San Lorenzo	Cuicuilco
La Venta	Tula	Chichen Itza	Mitla	Texcoco
Tlatelolco	Cacaxtla	Xochicalco	El Tajin	Atzcapotzalco
Mayapan	Cempoala	Tzintzuntzan	Chalcatzingo	Tlaxcala
Malinalco	Calixtlahuaca	Zaculeu	Tikal	Uxmal

Chronology:
http://archaeology.monterey.edu/Courses/Aztec/Notes/MesoChronology/MesoChronology_files/frame.htm