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Centuries later, some of these artworks were found by archaeologists digging in the Great Temple of , the capital of the Aztecs. Although no local source of jadeite has been identified so far, Costa Rica and Honduras developed their own jade-working tradition. Jaguars were considered the ultimate sacrificial animal due to their value.

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The Mississippians first appeared around 1000 CE, following and developing out of the less agriculturally intensive and less centralized Woodland period.

The Mixtec: An Ancient Culture of Southern Mexico

The city was also believed to be the site of , the city of gold from the mythology of Colombia.

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Tlaloc had an older sister named.

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The shrine was called , in reference to the paradise. According to sixteenth century sources, the Aztecs had vast libraries that explored many different subjects from family histories, to religious books. This is reflected in the oral histories of the indigenous peoples, described by a wide range of traditional which often say that a given people have been living in a certain territory since the creation of the world.

Mexican Culture and History through Its National Holidays

In 1932, the Mexican archaeologist Alfonso Caso discovered in the site of—the ancient capital of the Zapotecs—a tomb of Mixtec nobles dating to the 14th-15th century. Since Catholicism has become the dominant religion in Mexico, the festivities surrounding El Día de los Muertos have absorbed certain Christian practices including the praying of the rosary.

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