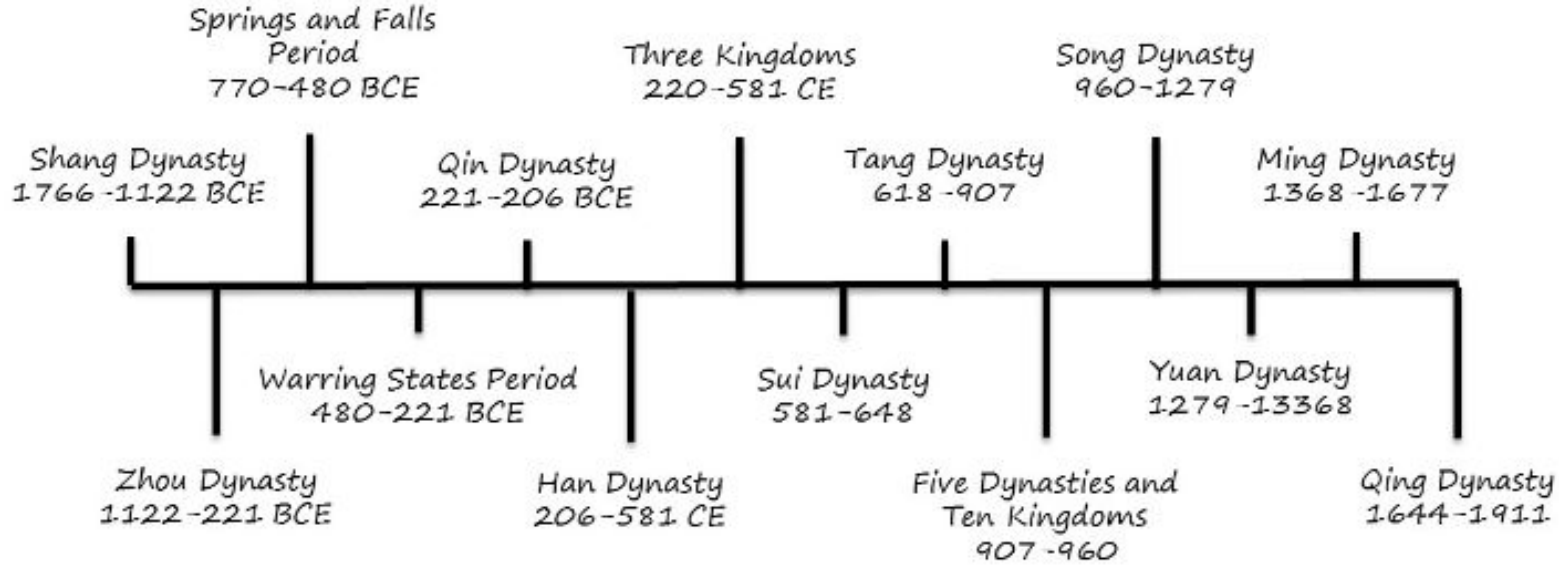


Chinese Dynasties



SILENT
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Answer the following questions in your WHJ:

- According to the timeline, which Chinese Dynasty was founded first?
- Which Chinese Dynasty ended the Warring States Period?
- Which Dynasty was longer, the Qin Dynasty or the Han Dynasty?

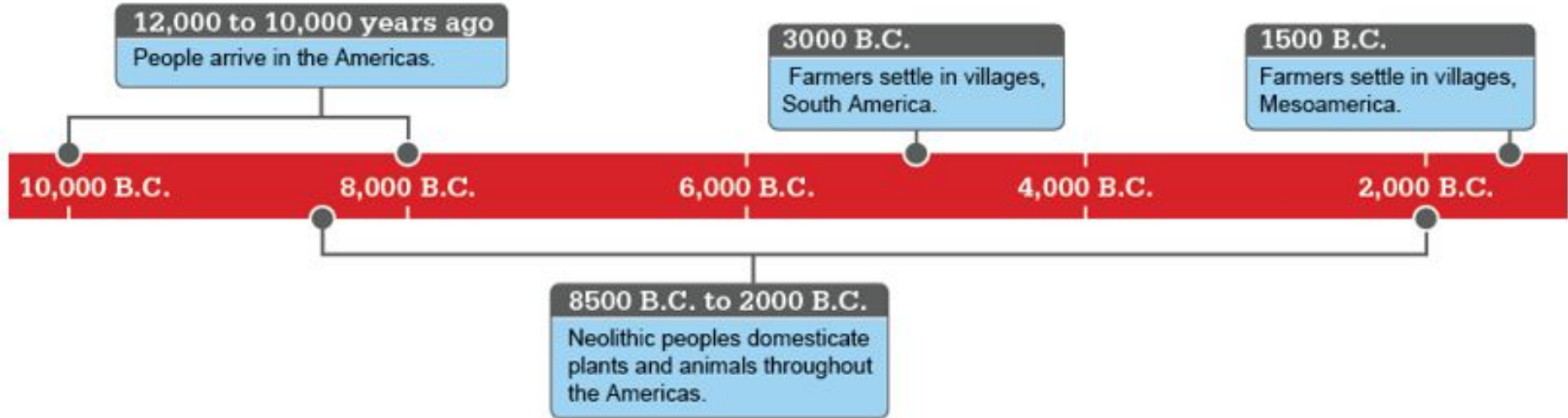
SCHEDULE

- Objective: I can explain when and where people first settled in Mesoamerica.
- Mesoamerican notes
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EARLY AMERICAS

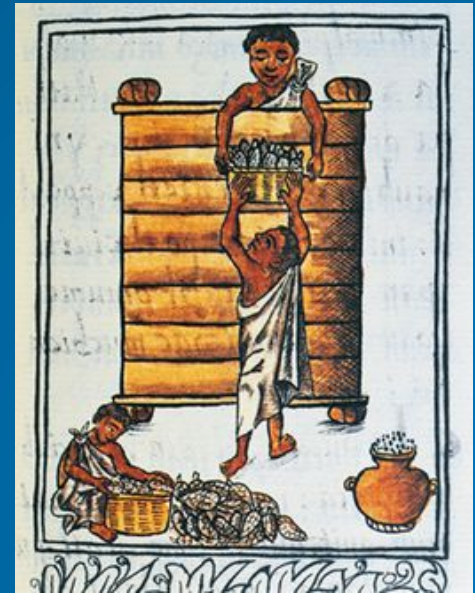


EARLY PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAS



GEOGRAPHY

- People settled in Mesoamerica because of the fertile and well-watered coastal areas of the Gulf of Mexico
- This helped them grow crops
- Far away from other cultures
 - little influence=unique cultures



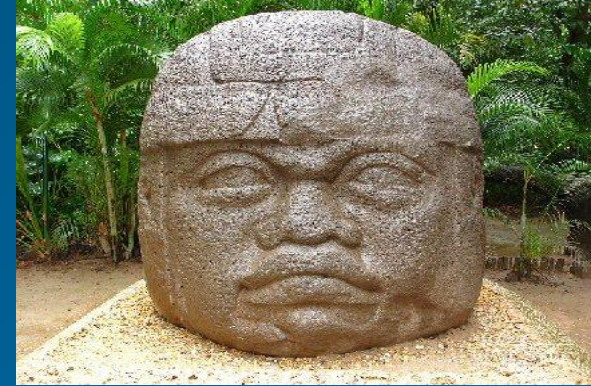
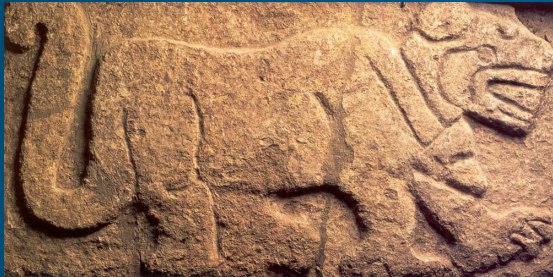
OLMEC EMPIRE

- Mesoamerica, literally means "middle America"
- The Olmecs are the oldest of the Mesoamerican cultures



OLMEC CULTURE

- Recorded Gods & religious practices in symbols
- Had priesthoods

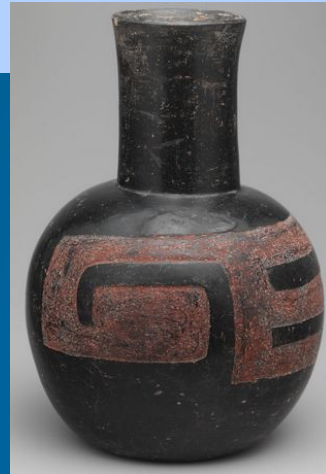


- Built colossal stone head statues
 - *10 feet. & 8 tons!*
 - Believed the head “bore the soul”



OLMEC CULTURE

- They were a hub for trading
 - Traded as far South as Nicaragua
- Items traded included:
 - Rubber, pottery, obsidian, chocolate, serpentine & jade



POLITICAL STRUCTURE

- Were based on social classes, hierarchy based on wealth
- The wealthiest citizens controlled government

Where else do we see the richest citizens holding higher up offices?



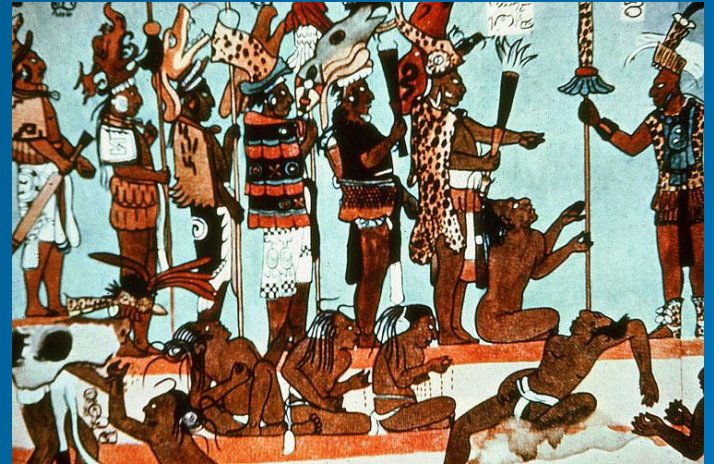
“Governor of Olmec”

“Cult of the Jaguar”



LEGACY

- The Olmecs influenced other civilizations
- Mesoamerican cultures that followed would owe a lot to their mysterious forerunners, the Olmecs



DECLINE

- There is no clear cause for their decline
- The population dropped and the civilization was wiped out pretty suddenly
- Some theories include:
 - natural disaster (volcanoes) or sickness
- They are the “Mother Culture”



THE UPSIDE OF ISOLATED CIVILIZATIONS



OBJECTIVES FOR THE REMAINDER OF CLASS!

1. Get any missing notes (website)
2. Begin working on the "Analyzing the Mesoamerican Civilizations" webquest
 - a. This covers some mesoamerican civilizations that we will discuss tomorrow
 - b. I do not expect you to finish this today



Warm Up

- 1. List 2 modern countries the Mongol Empire occupied.**
- 2. How were they able to conquer so much territory?**

