

**Key terms and vocabulary**

Nov. 9-14: Agricultural origins: the transition from hunting and gathering to plant domestication and sedentary village life, Tehuacan and Oaxaca examples.

Archaic Period	seasonality
Tehuacan Valley	scheduling
Oaxaca Valley	microbands/macrobands
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**Notes:****Comparing processes in Mesoamerica and the Near East: the important questions**

- 1) Were the circumstances of the first domestication of plants and animals in Mesoamerica similar to those of the Middle East?
- 2) Was the transition from hunting and gathering economies to agricultural economies in Mesoamerica, similar in trajectory to the path in the Middle East?

The short answer: They appear to have been very different! - but in what ways?

We have a significant problem in comparability of data and coverage in the two regions, but despite our "sampling problem" we feel that very different conditions and processes were at work.

The discussion questions (#6) for next week with the specific ways in which the two cases differ.

**Mesoamerican domesticates** (probable)

## Plants

grains:	maize	amaranth	
legumes:	beans (many varieties)		
vegetables:	tomato	chili peppers ( <i>Capsicum</i> )	?sunflower
	squash	pumpkins	gourds
fruits:	avocado	papaya	guavas
	prickly pear		
drinks/flavorings:	cacao	vanilla	
containers:	bottle gourd		
other:	tobacco		

## Animals

Muscovy duck	turkey
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