

Key Terms, Concepts and Characters

Nov. 7, 2006: Populating the New World, earliest archaeology
Mesoamerica: geographic and cultural background

Homo sapiens (sapiens)

Beringia

coastal migration routes (see supplemental reading, Mandryk *et. al.* 2001)

ice free corridor

expanding wave model of populating the New World

Paleoindian Period (*sensu lato*)

Pre-projectile Period (Pleistocene)

Monte Verde - Chile - ca. 13,000 bp

Meadowcroft Shelter - Pennsylvania - ca. 17,000 bp

Santa Rosa Island - > 20,000 bp

Valsequillo - Mexico - ca. > 20,000 bp

Tepexpan "man" - Lake Texcoco - Mexico

classic Palaeo-Indian Period (post-Pleistocene)

Clovis - Folsom - fluted projectile points - big game hunting

Megafauna

Mesoamerica

Geographic limits

Central Mexican plateau

Transverse Volcanic axis

Sierra Madre Occidental

Sierra Madre Oriental

Shared cultural similarities among regional civilizations

Agricultural suite

Pyramids

Ball courts

Hieroglyphic writing systems

use of rubber (*Castilla elastica*)

paper making