

Monte Albán and El Tajín Notes
Miller Chapter 5

Key Images

Plan of Monte Albán

Interior Painting Tomb 104, Monte Albán, Classic.

Interior Painting Tomb 105, Monte Albán, Classic.

Fertility God Effigy Vase, Oaxaca.

Pyramid of the Niches, El Tajín, Late Classic.

Carved Panel from South Ballcourt, El Tajín, Late Classic.

Key Terms

Cocijo

Yoke

Palmas

Hachas

Provenance

Questions to Consider

- How is the Classic period characterized?
- How does the architecture of Monte Albán reflect its environment?
- What were the large-scale effigies found at Monte Alban used for? Who did they represent? How were they produced?
- What are some of the features of the Pyramid of the Niches?
- What was found at the base of the pyramid? What Mayan characteristics does it exhibit?
- Why is El Tajín believed to have been a center for ceremonial games?
- What kinds of objects exhibit the only known use of the wheel in Mesoamerica?