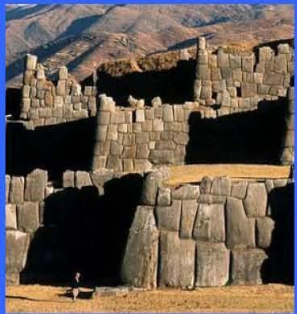


THE HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE

FROM PREHISTORIC TO MODERN TIMES



**The thirteenth Album:
THE MEDIEVAL
CENTRAL AMERICAN
ARCHITECTURE**



Albums of characteristic examples for the Educational course

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This series of albums generated for information purposes of the Educational course "The General History of Architecture": 2 credits / 30 hours of lectures.

Until the mid-19th century, examples are grouped by region. In this period, the phenomenon of a single world architectural process begins to manifest itself. Since the last third of the 19th century, examples have been grouped by decades.

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Examples are distributed in chronological order of the construct completion.

Images sources are indicated directly near with illustrations on each page.

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The 13th Album's front cover:

The Zapotec's town of Mitla, State of Oaxaca, Mexico, ~ 100 BC - <http://www.delange.org/Mitla/Mitla.jpg>

The Mayan Pyramid: the Sun - https://ae01.alicdn.com/kf/HTB1u5AwNVXXXXb_XFXXq6xXFXXxi/24x36-Central-America-Architecture-font-b-Maya-b-font-Culture-Stairs-Pyramid-Scenery-Landscape-Fabric-Silk.jpg

Inca sites at Cuzco Valley, Peru: the Saksaywaman (Arch.-Build.: Apu Val'pa Rimachi, Inka Mari-Kanchi, Akavana Inka, Kal'ya Kunchuy, 1471-1525) – http://images.nationalgeographic.com/wpf/media-live/photos/000/360/cache/sacsayhuaman-peru_36097_600x450.jpg

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Purpose of the 13th Lecture:

To study the basic features of the Medieval Central American architecture.

Tasks of the 13th Lecture:

- To consider characteristic examples of specifically organized spaces and buildings;
- To accentuate the features of construction depending on the availability of building materials;
- To emphasize the difference between cult and dwelling buildings.

Tasks for the self-research work:

1. Study the change in the nomenclature of buildings and structures during the evolution of the Medieval Central American architecture
2. Analyze geometric parameters of main types of structures and buildings.

Questions for the self-preparation:

1. Accentuate the features of the Aztec architecture
2. Accentuate the features of the Inca architecture

Themes of abstracts (16 pages, 40 000 characters, A4 format):

1. The evolution of the Olmec Architecture
2. The evolution of the Zapotec's Architecture
3. The evolution of the Maya Architecture

Examples for the 13th Lecture:

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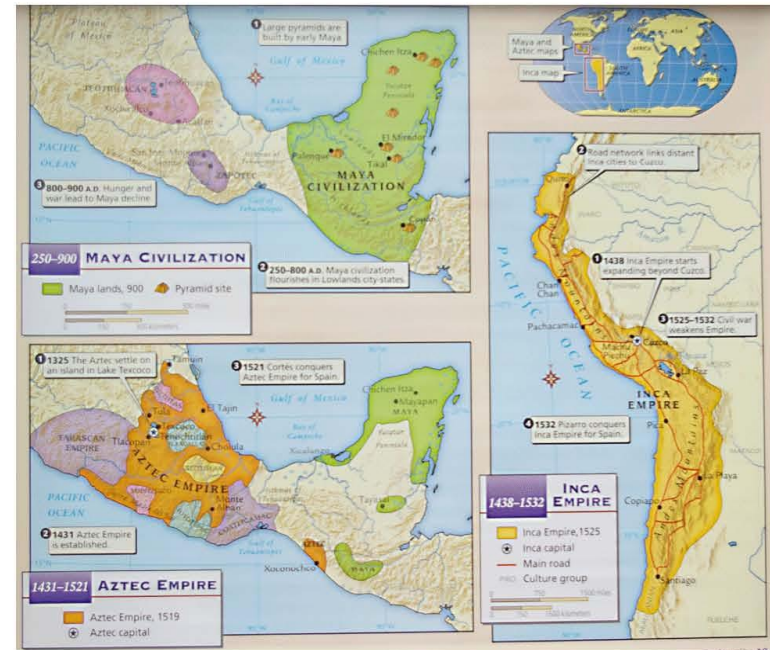
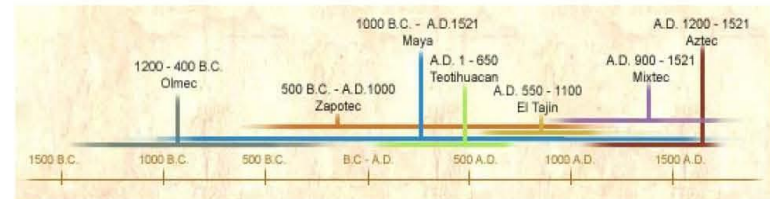
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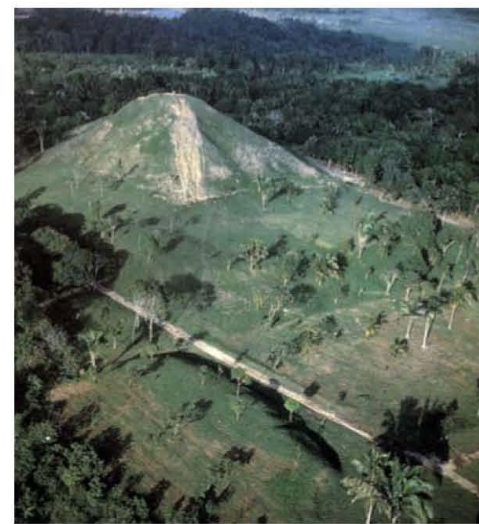
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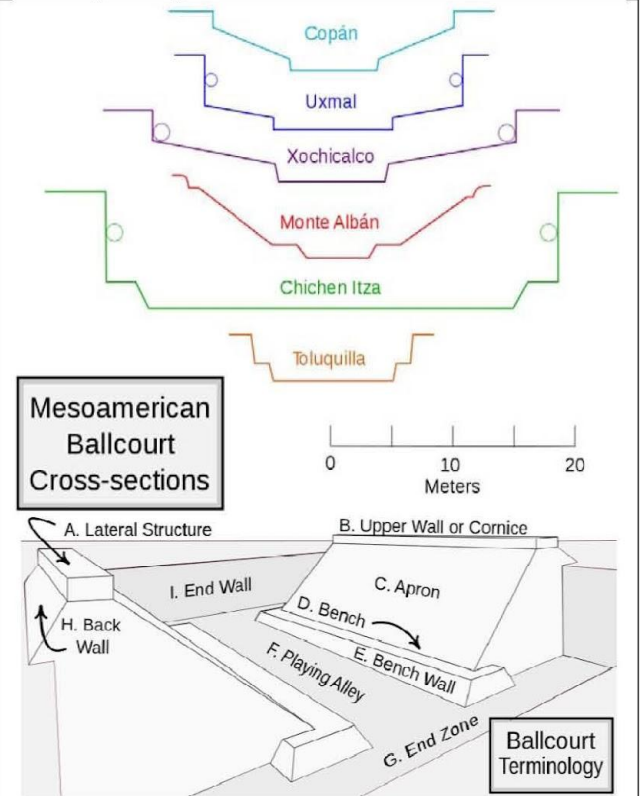
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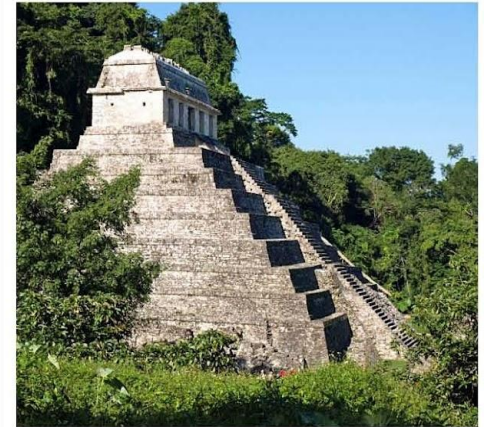
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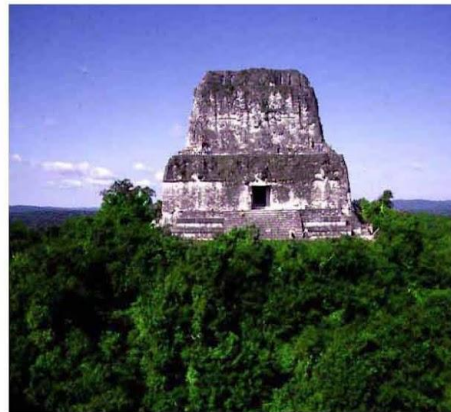
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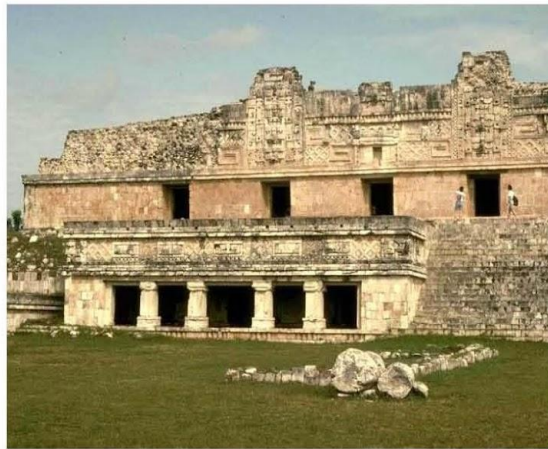
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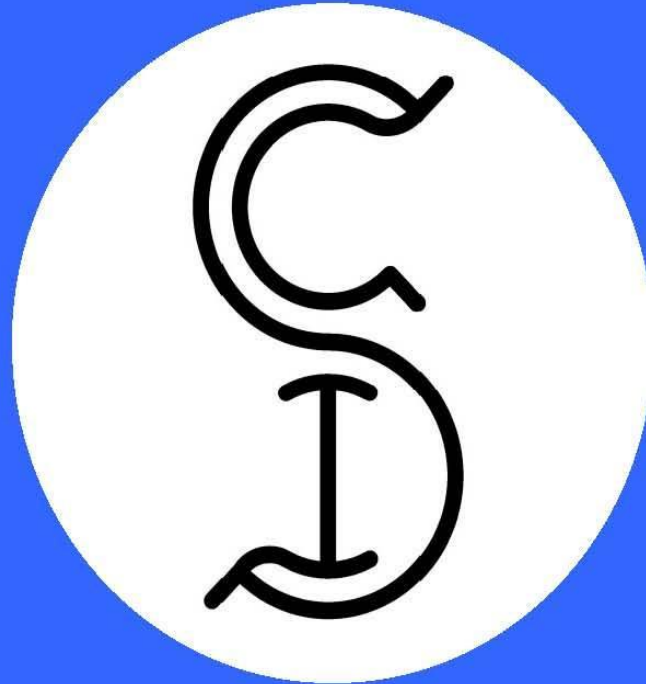
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