

Resources

Books for Students

Corn Is Maize: The Gift of the Indians

Aliki

This book tells the story of how Native American farmers thousands of years ago found and nourished a wild grass plant and made corn an important part of their lives. Grades K–3

Descifrar el Cielo: La Astronomía en Mesoamérica

Federico Guzmán

This Spanish-language book describes how the Native communities of Mexico and Central America used their observations of the sky to develop agriculture, a precise calendar system, and advanced civilizations. Grades 6–12

Here Is My Kingdom: Hispanic-American Literature and Art for Young People

Edited by Charles Sullivan

Explore the multifaceted Hispanic-American/Latino experience in this colorful anthology of poems, prose, and visual art. Grades K–12

Books for Teachers

An Illustrated Dictionary of the Gods and Symbols of Ancient Mexico and the Maya

Mary Ellen Miller and Karl Taube

Containing nearly 300 entries, this illustrated dictionary describes the mythology and religion of Mesoamerican cultures.

Legends of the Plumed Serpent: Biography of a Mexican God

Neil Baldwin

Following one Mesoamerican deity (known variably as the Feathered Serpent, the Plumed Serpent, and Quetzalcóatl) through the centuries, Baldwin explores the figure's lasting significance for Mexican and Central American cultures.

Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire

Edited by Matthew H. Robb

This catalogue accompanies the exhibition *City and Cosmos: The Arts of Teotihuacan* and explores art and architecture's importance to Teotihuacan's diverse citizens.

Online Resources

Art of the Ancient Americas at LACMA

Browse LACMA's diverse collection of artwork from the ancient Americas by time period or object type. collections.lacma.org (Curatorial area/Art of the Ancient Americas)

Digital Stories—Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire

The de Young Museum in San Francisco created an online introduction to Teotihuacan that includes numerous images and maps of the city. <https://digitalstories.famsf.org/teo#start>

Related Curriculum Materials

Evenings for Educators resources include illustrated essays, discussion prompts for the classroom, and lesson plans for art-making activities. Browse selected online curriculum at lacma.org/students-teachers/teacher-resources.

Relevant curriculum materials include:

- *Ancient Mexico: The Legacy of the Plumed Serpent*
- *Olmec: Masterworks of Ancient Mexico*