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Formative/Pre-Classic Olmec (1500–400 B.C.) Word Search & Maps

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- Mesoamerica** – Geographic area of Middle America prior to the conquest of the America's.
- Formative Period** – Period of Mesoamerica dating 1500 to 400 B.C.
- Gulf Coast of Mexico** – Home to Olmec's, Mesoamerica's first complex culture.
- Teosinte** – Wild grass of the America's known to have been domesticated into maize (corn).
- Maize** (corn) – One of three (corn, squash, and beans) primary staple crops of the Americas.
- Olmec** – First complex culture of the America's well known for advances in art and science.
- Colossal Head** – Ton-heavy heads carved from basalt stone to resemble the profiles of rulers.
- Chapopote** (Tar) – Natural substance found in seepages across the Gulf Coast of Mexico.
- Mano and Metate** – Grinding stone used to mash corn, typically made of basalt or river rock.
- Basalt** – Volcanic rock crafted by the Olmec to create colossal heads.
- Greenstone** – A prized mineral rock used by Olmec artisans to produce ceremonial carvings.
- Figurine** – A miniature portrayal of a person, crafted from greenstone or clay.
- Pottery** – Bowls, dishes, cups, ladles, tecomates, and ritual ware made from clay.
- Arroyo Pesquero** – Sacred Olmec site (a river) where Olmec people made offerings.
- San Lorenzo** – A major Olmec center where elite Olmec lived and artisans crafted basalt.
- La Venta** – A secondary Olmec site that after the fall of San Lorenzo came into power.
- El Remolino** – A secondary "poor" Olmec site in the Gulf Coast of Mexico.
- El Manati** – Olmec site with a naturally occurring spring where child sacrifice was performed.
- Avian Serpent** – The Ancestor of Mesoamerica's Feathered Serpent, a supernatural deity.
- Obsidian** – Important volcanic rock used by the Olmec to produce useful items and weapons.
- Quetzal** – A species of bird with long blue-green feathers held in high regard by Mesoamericans.
- Mojarra** – A fish common in the rivers of the Gulf Coast of Mexico, a primary source of food.

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The area of Mesoamerica identified by 21st century countries.



Map of Early and Middle Formative Mesoamerica (1500-400 B.C.).