

MAI Vocabulary

3 Column Vocab Chart

- Note: This **WILL** take up more than 1 page, so don't be stingy with space

<u>Word</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Picture</u>

"High Frequency" Words (words you should keep in your vocabulary)

Terrace

- Series of "steps" made on a hillside to increase the amount of land that can be farmed



Agriculture

- Big word for "farming"



Maize

- Type of corn grown by Mayans & Aztecs
 - Nixtamalization



Astronomy

- Study of things outside the earth's atmosphere (e.g. other planets, stars, etc.)



"MAI" Specific Words
(words you'll need to know for the MAI Unit Test and Benchmark #2)

Hieroglyphics / Glyphs

- Pictures & symbols used to represent ideas
- Type of writing system
- Examples: Aztecs, Mayans



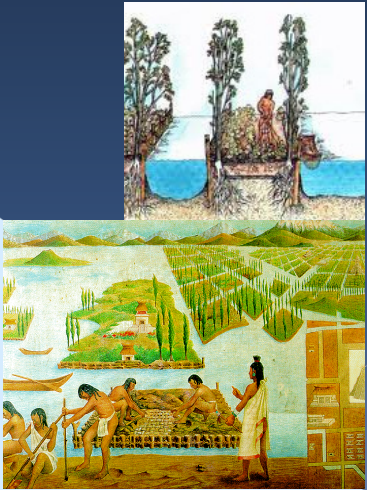
Calpulli

- Large Aztec settlements (bigger than a village, smaller than a city-state)



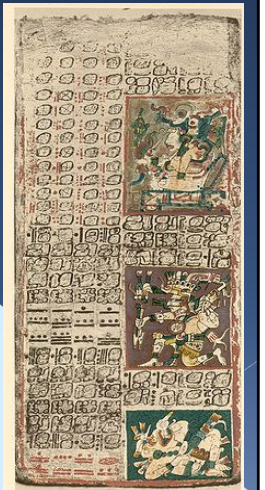
Chinampas

- "Floating gardens" used by the Aztecs for agriculture in the land around Tenochtitlan



Codex (plural = codices)

- Books made from tree bark or deerskin
- Used by Mayans & Aztecs



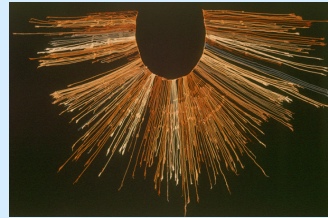
Chasquis

- Messengers who carried messages across the Incan Empire
 - Think "telephone" combined with a relay race



Quipu

- Inca counting tool that used colored rope & knots



Questions? Comments?