

## Olmecs sites

San Lorenzo 1200 to 900 B.C.E (colossal heads)

La Venta 900 to 600 B.C.E. (volcano-like pyramid)

Tres Zapotes 500 to 100 B.C.E. (calendar)



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## **Pre-Classic 1500 B.C.E to 200 C.E.**

- First important complex society.
- Ceremonial Centers: San Lorenzo, La Venta, Tres Zapotes
- Worship: Jaguar revered as the supreme god
- Political organization: authoritarian, thousands of laborers to move stones from interior.
- Artifacts: stone head, jade, and obsidian

# Olmec Cascajal Slab 1990s

62 characters, 1000 B.C.E (San Andres)







**Were-Jaguars**

# Secrets of the Ancients The Olmecs BBC

- Part I

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpAdEmR2PV>

- Part II

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4pm5Q4Dn>

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**Pre-Classic 1500 B.C.E to 200 C.E.**

- **Olmec Legacy**
- **ball game**
- **Calendar**
- **practice of human sacrifice**
- **hieroglyphic writing system.**