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)
Olmecs
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=jpAdEmR2PV4

• Part II
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4pm5Q4Dn4
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• Olmec Legacy
• ball game
• Calendar
• practice of human sacrifice
• hieroglyphic writing system.