ANT 3163 – Exam I Study Guide

You will need to know things listed below in order to be read for the first exam, scheduled for Tuesday, September 14.

1. Important Spanish people discussed in class who had some of the first contacts with Mesoamerica.
   - Fernando Córtez
   - Francisco Hernández de Córboda
   - Diego de Landa
   - Juan de Grijalva
   - Marina
   - Bernadino de Sahagún

2. Major time Period names
   - Breakdowns
   - Cultural developments in each
   - Years included
   - Cultures associated with each

3. Geographic regions
   - Map layout
   - Physical geography (such as elevation)
   - Resource availability
   - Distribution of cultures in the area
   - (importance of each)

4. Written sources that are available that were originally written up by the native peoples sometimes in combination with the Spanish
   - *Popol Vuh*
   - *Codex Mendoza*
   - *Books of Chilam Balam*
   - *Florentine Codex*

5. Calendar components (both cultures)
   - Calendar Round
   - Tzolkin
   - Tonalpohualli
   - Vague Solar Year
   - Vigesimal number system
   - Method of time-keeping

6. Why study ancient Mesoamerica?

7. Setup of society
   - Role of the ruler
   - Creation stories (cosmogony)
   - Layout of the world
   - Ego-centric perspective

8. Views of Mesoamerica in anthropology
   - Type of society
   - “World System”
   - development of agriculture
   - What discipline studies Mesoamerica