ANT 3163 – Review Questions for the Final Exam

Major concepts that you need to know for the exam:

- Geography of major Maya and Aztec sites listed on maps in the lecture outline, which includes location of the sites on the map, and their unique geological factors
- Be able to identify the imagery of major structures and carved rulers and deities
- Be ready for a similar kind of map identification as in prior exams for both Aztec and Maya cultures
- Be able to identify major gods and people’s status titles in Aztec society
- Be able to identify important places pertaining to both Maya and Aztec
- Know major cultural practices of the Aztec society
- Know similarities and differences between Maya and Aztec societies
- Know the layout and organization of the Aztec “empire”

Sample Questions:

- Why was warfare so dominant in Aztec society?
- What role did warfare play in Mesoamerican societies in general?
- What was the outcome of Aztecs conquering of other cities?
- How was long-distance trade practiced in Mesoamerica?
- What was the social status structure like in Aztec society?
- How was the tianquiztli organized?
- What are some major features of Tenochtitlan?
- What were important methods used for agriculture in Mesoamerica?
- Why is the Aztec ceremonial calendar so important to understanding their view of their patron god?
- Describe daily life in an Aztec household.
- How did the Aztecs see themselves as individually linked to cosmic forces?
- Why did some craftsmen and merchants lead privileged lives?