



Toniná, Chiapas Mexico (Weisenbach 2012)

Lesson 2.3 Web Based Search for Artifact Images

Student Activities

In this activity you will work in assigned groups to search databases for artifacts related to maíz/corn or cacao/chocolate.

1. In your group, brainstorm and write a list of key search words that relate to Mexican cuisine (corn, maíz, chocolate, cacao, mano, metate, molinillo).
2. Use FAMSI <http://www.famsi.org/> and Mesoweb <http://www.mesoweb.com/resources/resources.html> to locate examples of food cultivation, production and ritual from the following collections:

FAMSI

John Montgomery Drawings Collection

http://research.famsi.org/montgomery_list.php?allSearch=maiz

Linda Schele Drawings Collection

http://research.famsi.org/schele_list.php?allSearch=maiz

Catalogue of Zapotec Effigy Vessels

http://research.famsi.org/zapotec/zapotec_list.php?search=maize%20or%20corn

Mesoamerican Pottery Database

http://research.famsi.org/rollouts/rollout_thumbs.php

Justin Kerr Photography Archive

<http://research.mayavase.com/kerrportfolio.html>

John Pohl's Mesoamerica: Ancient Books

<http://www.famsi.org/research/pohl/jpcodices/index.html>

Mesoweb

[Merle Greene Robertson's Rubbings of Maya Sculpture](http://www.mesoweb.com/rub/index.asp?act=search&sit=8&i=0&updatechecked=1&s=corn&sAND=&sANDNOT=&x=0&y=0&expert=y)

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3. Create an on-line presentation using *Voicethread* that includes the carvings, drawings, photographs and rubbings you collected of food cultivation, production and ritual. Include oral, written and videoed comments about the collection.
4. Identify all items as completely as possible (catalogue number, dimensions, location, owner, special comments about content, intended use of object)
5. Be prepared to discuss the importance of the items in the collection to traditional Mexican cuisine

Assessment

Voicethread presentation with written and oral comments

Lesson 2 Resources

FAMSI <http://www.famsi.org/>

Mesoweb <http://www.mesoweb.com>

Voicethread <http://voicethread.com/>

Yale University Art Gallery Ancient Americas collection

MayaVase Data Base (FAMSI)

http://research.mayavase.com/kerrmaya_list.php?allSearch=&hold_search=&x=0&y=0&vase_number=6418&date_added=&ms_number=&site=