

Week I: Indigenous Civilizations

The students are required to read the following: Cortés' "Second Letter to Charles V"; *Colonial Latin America*, chapter 1, "Iberia and America before the Conquest" and 2, "The Age of Conquest."

In order to prepare for the first week and the subsequent treatment of indigenous civilizations, the following materials will be useful:

Keen, Benjamin. *A History of Latin America*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1992. See, in particular, chapters 2 and 3, which deal with Spain at the time of the Conquest.

Markman, Roberta H. and Markman, Peter T. *The Flayed God: The Mythology of Mesoamerica*. San Francisco: Harper Collins, 1992. The introduction is a simple, very accessible overview of the major Mesoamerican religions within a historical context.

MacCormack, Sabine. "Paracuti: Miracles, Punishments, and Last Judgment: Visionary Past and Prophetic Future in Early Colonial Peru." *American Historical Review* 93(1988): 960-1006.

Mignolo, Walter. *The Darker Side of the Renaissance: Literacy, Territoriality and Colonization*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1995. See, in particular, chapter 3, "Record Keeping without Letters and Writing Histories of People without History."

In addition, the volume by Roberta Markman and Peter Markman includes either excerpts or complete texts of Mesoamerican myths, and more extensive information on the Maya can be found in:

Coe, Michael D. *The Maya*. New York: Thames and Hudson, 1993.