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:


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: