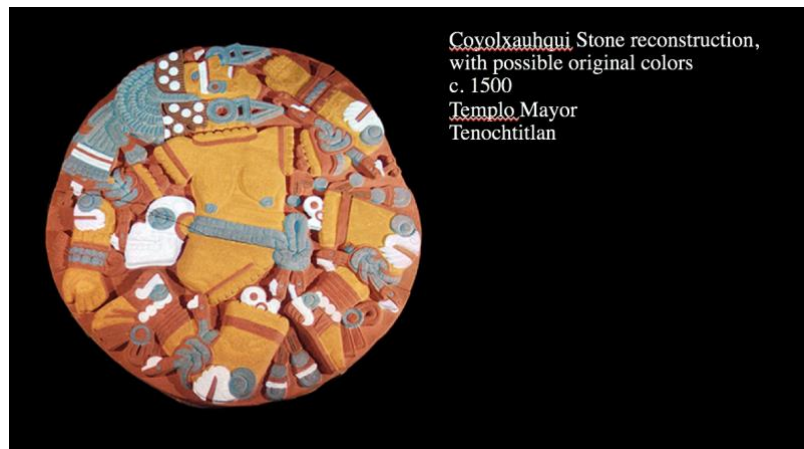


RESPONSE QUESTION 1/3: Compare these two figures in a few sentences.



These two figures are actually quite similar, and are of a group of related Olmec monuments. The differences between these are subtle differences in the facial features and head dresses. Monument 1 is flatter and wider, while Monument 4 is more vertical. Both have wide noses and downturned lips. Monument 1's eyes are larger and more visible than Monument 4's, which are smaller. The headdress is more prominent in Monument 4 and takes up more of the statue, while in Monument 1 the headdress is much smaller.

RESPONSE QUESTION 2/3: Describe this figure. Bullet points are fine.



It is important to note the abstraction of the features here, but that this is still visible as a woman, even as she is shown in pieces, to fit the story of her death. Her body conforms to the circle of the stone, which is important because we see the figure being shaped to the space and ritual purposes it is meant to fill.

Student Questions

Were Aztec's able to show their advancements in technology through art?

Yes, the Aztecs were very technologically advanced. This is seen especially in architecture and urban planning. For example, to be able to farm in the city, which

was centered in the lake, they created floating islands to farm. They also had a very complex timekeeping system, as seen in the calendar stone.

Regarding Offering #4 found on La Venta. How were the finders able to identify that the figure standing next to the celt was a women?



Here, the middle figure is the female figure. The incised lines at the chest and groin have been interpreted as female reproductive organs, but this is not 100% certain.

As for the Codex Mendoza, which was stolen on its way to Spain, how was it recovered?

The exact story of the Codex Mendoza is unclear. The ship it was sent to Spain in was part of a fleet attacked by French privateers. The codex was part of the booty brought back to France. By 1553 it was in the possession of King Henry II of France's cosmographer (cosmography is the science of mapping the universe). It was likely sold to him by the pirates.