Friday, January 16

DJ: 1) Write a thesis statement for the following prompt:

Were the Aztecs a "truly wonderful,' "world-class" civilization comparable to Classical Rome?

HW: 1) Chapter 14 Study Guide & Quiz T 1/20 (Anything goes!)

2) Gunpowder Article T 1/20

3) Disease Article levels of questions Block 1/21,22

4) Columbian Exchange Docs Analysis Block 1/21,22

Ann.: 1) None

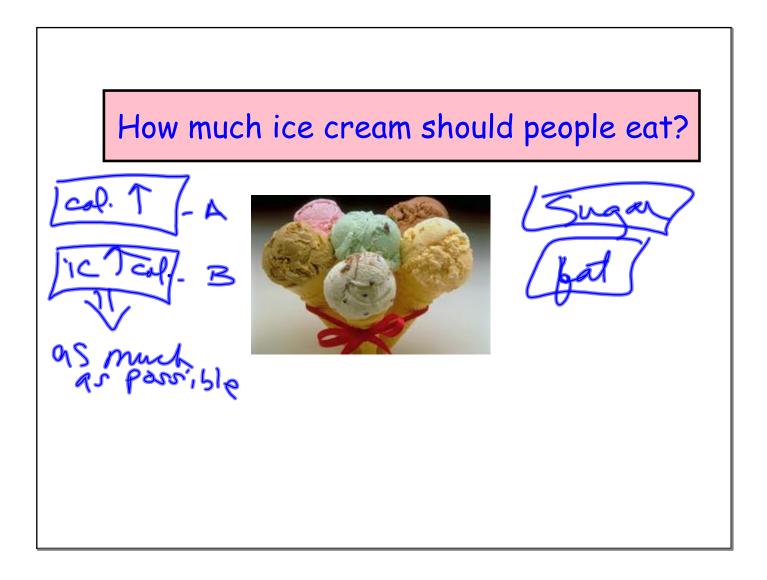
Today:

- 1) Aztec DBQ Practice: QW
- 2) Intro. Eastern Hemisphere Empire Analysis

In Doc A, David Carassco's research published in 1998 agrees with Prescott's emphasis on Aztec accomplishments prior to Spanish conquest. ____...

Doc B (clustering the two pieces with outside knowledge) The Calendar Stone discovered in 1790 over two hundred years after Cortez's conquest, is another example of Prescott & Carrasco's point that the Aztec's had a complex religious life centering around the seasons. Tracking seasons with interwoven 260-day and 365-day cycles were critical to planting and harvesting in Mesoamerica for the Olmecs,Maya, Toltecs and Aztecs where an environment that was both dry and cold made cultivation challenging. This sustained a population of twice that of London & Rome.

January 15, 2015



Prompt: Were the Aztecs a "truly wonderful,' "worldclass" civilization comparable to Classical Rome? Thesis: The Aztecs were developing a complex society with a centralized political structure and elaborate belief system like Eurasian empires of the classical and post-classical eras. T.S. POV Evidence / Analysis Cluster of docs