

# Aztec Calendar Sun Stone

Stone of the Five Eras



# Original Stone

-Discovered in 1790 during repairs on Mexico City's Cathedral.

-It is a 12' diameter carved Mexica sculpture created by the Aztecs. It weighs 24 tons.

-The exact use of this large carved sculpture is still debated.



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- At the center is the 5th sun:  
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- Around the sun's face are  
4 other sun periods:
  - Jaguar Era
  - Wind/Hurricane Era
  - Rain of Fire Era
  - Water/Flood Era



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- The “glyphs” or pictographs around the center face may represent cycles of the earth or the days of a month.
- It could also represent space as well as time, depicting the 4 corners of the earth.



# Our Project

-We will start by cutting out a large circle from the brown paper using our circle template.



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- Using foam brushes and tempera paint, we will tone our “stone” circles.
- They will go on the drying rack to dry (with your name on the back.)



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-If we have time today, we will start to create our own foam “glyphs”, which we will print on our circles next week.



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-And this is how it might look finished.

