

## 8.2 The Olmec and the Maya (pp. 264-269)

**Section Outline:** Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- The Olmec People
  - Olmec Agriculture
  - La Venta
- The Maya
  - The Early Maya
  - Maya Cities
  - Agriculture
  - Many Gods
- Writing and Mathematics
  - Maya Mathematics

**Reading Check Questions:** Answer the following questions as you read the text.

1. What do archaeologists know about the Olmec?
2. How do we know that religion was important to the Maya?
3. How do we know the Maya studied mathematics?