

COVER IMAGE NOTE

This photo captures the remarkable archaeological site of Chichén Itzá, which I had the privilege of visiting over winter break this year. In HSTR 376E: The History of the Aztec, Inka, and Maya, Dr. Beatriz Alba-Koch introduced the class to the thriving capital of the Itza people. During the age of faltering Mayan Kingship, Chichén Itzá utilized *Mul Tepal* or 'joint rule' to create a thriving city and a cosmopolitan nobility. When I heard that my family would be traveling to Mexico over winter break, I immediately knew that I had to see the site — now considered one of the 7 wonders of the world— for myself!

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