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BEST OF THE WEB

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Best Museum Web Site

And the Winner was:

The Sport of Life and Death: The Mesoamerican Ballgame

<http://www.ballgame.org>

Judges Comments:

This is so much fun. I enjoyed playing the ballgame quiz, seeing how the game was played on video, exploring the mural reliefs and the maps.

- Dr Jim O'Donnell

Excellent incorporation of attractive, concise graphics, fast loading files, and playful animation. This site is appropriate for web visitors of all ages and interest level. I love the way the timeline places each culture in the context of world history.

- Virginia Pifko

The game was lots of fun. The teaching sections were effective.

- Katherine Burton Jones

This is an extremely engaging way to interest learners in the culture of Mesoamerica. The ballgame is a wonderful hook for attracting interest. Overall, the site is an exciting model for how the web can support learning around individual primary objects from a museum's collections. The classroom connections are very well done, and make good sense.

- Karen Elinich

Very good use of Flash -- and probably my favorite site. The animations serve the content exceptionally well and make for an exciting experience. The content throughout seems very strong.

- Kathy

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