

AZTEC EMPIRE

1. What modern-day country was home to the Aztecs?

2. What was the name of their capital city? What was its geographical setting?

3. What was the name of the social order called? What were the rulers of the "tribal councils" called and how were they special compared to other chief officials?

4. Tenochtitlan was built on a site with a number of advantages. Why was it a good site for a city?

5. The Aztecs had advanced farming methods. Name three crops they grew in the fertile soil around their capital.

6. What kinds of animals did the Aztecs raise to eat? (turkeys, dogs, ducks, and geese) Did they have any kind of work animals?

7. The Aztecs prayed to hundreds of gods and believed that these deities controlled all aspects of life. What kinds of things did they think the gods controlled?

8. Religion was important to the Aztecs. How did they try to please their gods?

9. The family was also important to the Aztecs. Each person in the family had a role. What did most men do? Women?

10. Describe typical homes in Tenochtitlan.

11. The Aztecs were ruled over by an emperor. What was his name?

12. The newcomers built a new city on the site of Tenochtitlan. What was the city called?

CORTÉS AND THE FALL OF THE AZTEC PEOPLE

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- Name one mysterious/suspicious occurrence that warned Montezuma of the destruction of his kingdom.

- What was the name of the Christian captive who served as a Mayan translator for Cortés?

- Why was this important to have a translator?

- What was a sign of respect in Aztec diplomacy shown by Montezuma's steward, Teudile?

- How did Cortés get the Cholulans and other kingdoms to submit to his army?

- How did the Aztec feel upon Cortés' arrival in Tenochtitlan? (In your own words).

- Briefly explain what happened on the "Noche Triste" or "The Night of Tears".

- What was the disease that killed many Aztecs from September to December of 1520, and what were some symptoms of the disease?

- Who finally submitted to Cortés and what was his response to this Aztec king?

