

WORLD HISTORY

Engineering an Empire: Aztecs

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1. The Aztec civilization rivaled _____ in its sophistication. Aqueducts, pyramids, _____ and _____ stood as tribute to the gods.
2. Instead of getting married, what happened to the princess?
3. The Aztecs were banished to an island in Lake Texcoco. Today this valley is the site of modern-day _____.
4. Aztec King Tenoch had a vision and saw an “eagle perched on a _____”, which was a sign from the gods that they had found their new capital called _____.
5. Tenochtitlan is modeled after a city 25 miles to the north called Teotihuacan, which means “ _____ ”
6. The original founders believed this city was the birthplace of the sun and constructed the Pyramid of the _____ to honor it, which is roughly the same size as the Great Pyramid of _____ in Egypt.
7. How did the Aztec leader Acampapichtl (1376 CE) engineer a solution to the swampy land, which was to be the home of Tenochtitlan?
8. What was the reason for building “causeways?”
9. What did the mainland Tepanex tribe control that the Aztecs very much needed, which would cause a war?
10. From what tribe does present day Mexico get its name? _____
11. With the help of the Texcoco tribe, led by Nezahualcyotl, the Aztecs defeat the Tepanex. What did the Aztec leader do with the defeated king’s heart?
12. Why did the Aztecs build two aqueducts side by side?
13. How far did the aqueducts run?
14. How many times a day did the Aztec king bathe?
15. Who did the Aztecs choose as their leader in the mid-15th century? _____

16. By 1449, the Aztec empire contained roughly _____ people.
17. What was the 1st goal of this new leader?
18. What was the main purpose for building “chinampas?”
19. How quickly could “relay runners” take a message 200 miles on the Aztec “super highways?”
20. Which 2 gods were honored with the “Great Temple?”
21. What did the Aztecs fear if they did not sacrifice large numbers of humans for “precious water?”
22. What political statement were the Aztecs making with their sacrifices?
23. In 1502, Moctezuma II becomes the Aztec leader, how many people are now controlled by the Aztec Empire?
24. What did the Aztecs call the boats of Herman Cortes?
25. What was the purpose of Aztec soldiers entering the “womb of the earth?”
26. What did the Spanish soldiers do which caused the Aztecs to revolt?
27. Why are the Aztecs turning against Moctezuma II?
28. What happened on June 30, 1520, the “*Noche Triste*?”
29. What ultimately happened to the Aztec Empire on August 13, 1521?
30. One of the worst effects of the Spaniards was the diseases they brought with them. How many Indians are thought to have died from these diseases?