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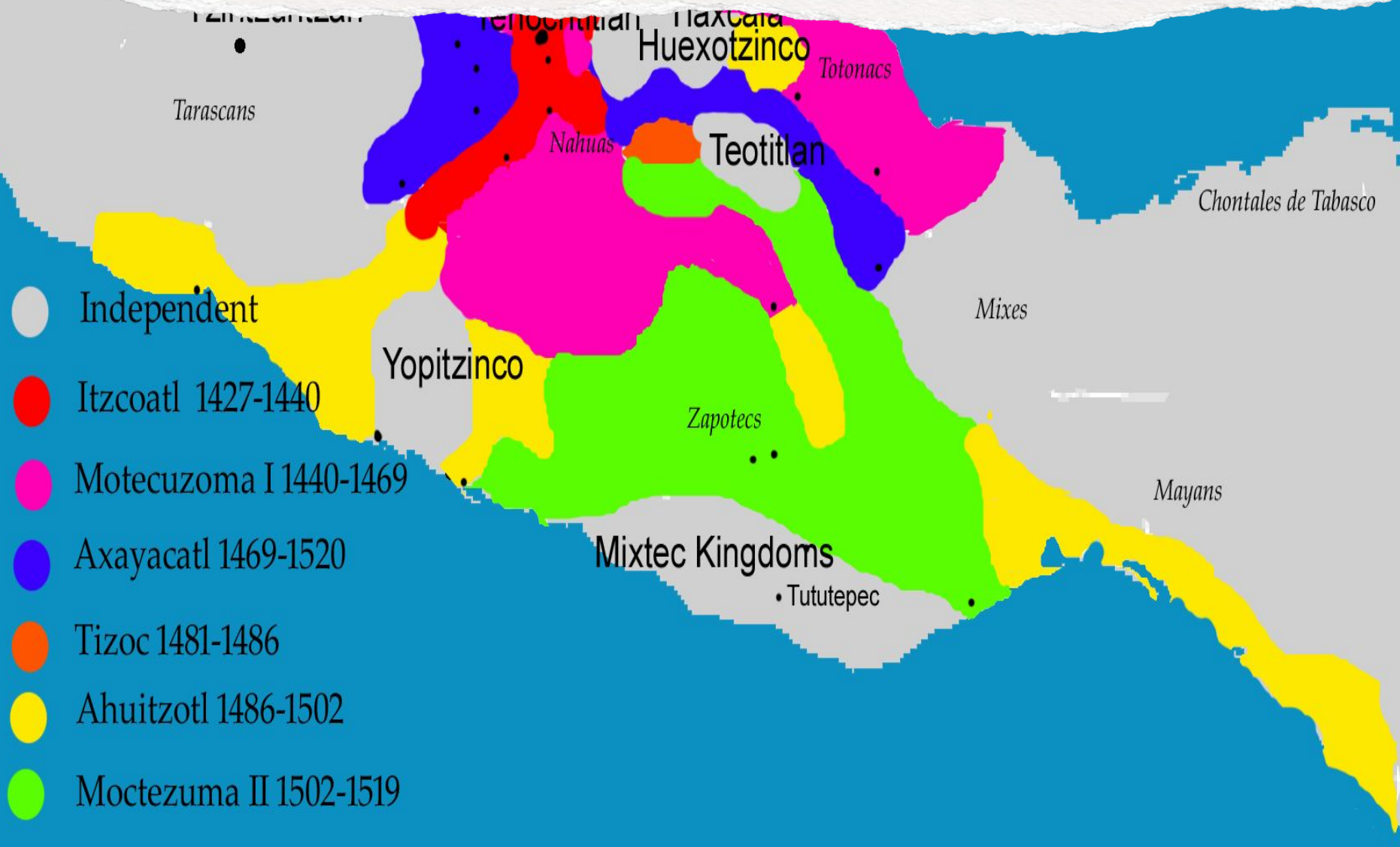
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The Aztecs were known as the Mexica. They were an empire in central Mexico when Spanish conquistadors arrived in America. The Aztec civilization was a powerful society that dominated central Mexico from 1428 to 1521.



The Aztec civilization was a powerful society that dominated South America from 1428 to 1521.

TRUE

FALSE

Aztec refers to the people of Tenochtitlan. Tenochtitlan was an island-city located in Lake Texcoco. The capital city of Tenochtitlan was found in 1325. The location of the capital was picked by priests because they saw an eagle holding a snake while standing on a cactus. They viewed this as a sign to settle.



The location of the capital was picked by priests because they saw an ____ holding a snake while standing on a cactus.

A. Hawk

B. Eagle

C. Vulture

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The first ruler of the Aztecs was Acamapichtli from 1376 to 1396. The Aztecs called their ruler the Tlatoani which means "speaker". Aztecs believed their rulers were appointed by the gods and held the divine right to rule the land.

In 1428, the Aztec Empire formed a triple alliance between the Aztecs, Texcocans and Tacubans. Aztecs used the Nahuatl language, some is still spoken in parts of Mexico today.



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TRUE

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