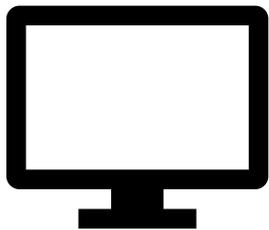


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Items were bought and sold with cacao beans and a cotton cloth called quachtli. The Aztec diet was mostly maize which is similar to corn. The maize was used to make tortillas. Other foods included beans, fish, squash, insects, honey and snakes. The word chocolate comes from the Aztec word "chocolli".

Aztecs played a game called tlachtli. The players knocked a rubber ball back and forth on a stone court. The losers of the game were often killed. The Aztec culture believed in practicing human sacrifice.

The Aztecs believed the blood from human sacrifices would help the sun rise each day. They performed thousands of human sacrifices. The priests had to ensure the gods were given the human sacrifices. They performed ceremonies in the temples. Priests went through long, extensive training. Priests were powerful in the Aztec society.

The largest Aztec festival was called Xuhmipilli, or new fire.

How many men arrived with Hernán Cortés? *

700

200

500

2000

How many bad omens did the Aztecs see with Montezuma II? *

Three

Eight

Thirteen

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What year was the Aztec Empire destroyed? *

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READING PASSAGE

15 QUESTIONS

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TRUE OR FALSE

The Great Temple was also called Templo Mayor. **8** Colalt was the god of rain and water.

9 Aztecs believed in human sacrifices.

1 Where were the Aztecs located in Mexico?
A. Mexico
B. Spain
C. Egypt
D. Sudan

2 What year did Hernán Cortés arrive in Mexico?
A. 1501
B. 1519
C. 1523
D. None of the above

3 What year was the city of Tenochtitlan founded?
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- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
 - ✓ ANSWER KEY
 - ✓ 15 QUESTIONS
 - ✓ SELF-GRADING
- ✓ PRINTABLE VERSION
- ✓ DIGITAL VERSION



QUESTION TYPES

-  **MULTIPLE CHOICE (6)**
-  **TRUE OR FALSE (9)**
-  **EDITABLE QUESTIONS
(FOR DIGITAL VERSION)**

True

False



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(IF USING THE DIGITAL FORMAT)

✓ GOOGLE™ ACCOUNTS

✓ KNOW HOW TO ZOOM IN AND ZOOM OUT TO
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True

False



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