

# Mrs. Krieger's Class

## Aztec Research

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# AZTEC HISTORY

Nadula , Charlie and Samuel

# How Aztecs Decided Where to Build City

- ▣ Found eagle with snake in mouth
- ▣ Legend said they should build city there



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# How Was Their City Built?

- ▣ Surrounded by water
- ▣ Had temples for gods and sacrifice
- ▣ Joined islands to make one big one
- ▣ Canals for boats

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# What Was Their City Like?

- ▣ Big temples for the gods
- ▣ Lots of people
- ▣ Drink chocolate drinks
- ▣ Lots of housing
- ▣ Surrounded by water
- ▣ People have different jobs



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# What Happened When Spaniards Came?

- ❑ Cortes destroyed Tenochtitlan
- ❑ Cortés had 400 warriors
- ❑ Spaniards had guns
- ❑ Built new city on top of Tenochtitlan



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# Tenochtitlan Now

- ▣ Some ruins left
- ▣ Temples to gods still there
- ▣ Mexico city is where it is
- ▣ Mexico gained freedom from Spain



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# AZTEC RELIGION

SADIE  
ELIZA  
EZRA



# AZTEC GODS & GODDESSES

Huitzilopochtli- sun and war

Tlaloc- rain

Quetzalcoatl- school and wind

Chicomecoatli- corn

Macuilxochtli- gambling

Chalchihuitlicue- water

Xipe totec- Spring

Mictlantecutzli- dead



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# RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES

Most to do with farming

Prayed to Tlaloc rain god and to goddess of water, corn and land

They dressed the dead in their best clothes and danced and chanted funeral prayers for four days

Buried with possessions and food



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# RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

gods controlled every thing on earth

world was perched on a crocodile swimming in a sea of water lilies

Thought Cortés was Quetzalcoatl

Sacrificed human blood



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# TEMPLES & SHRINES

Lots of steps

Mounds of earth then covered with mounds of mud, bricks or stone

Temples at top

Temples dedicated to each god



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**AZTEC WARFARE**  
WILLIAM AND CONNER

# WHAT WERE THEIR BATTLES LIKE?

- Fierce
- Short
- Take prisoners for sacrifice
- Weapons included shields, spears, and javelins

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# WARRIORS

Eagles

Jaguars

Ordinary Soldiers

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# HOW BOYS BECOME WARRIORS


NOBLE

**Train for 3 years**

COMMON

**Train until they get  
married**

**BOTH**

- **Train to take prisoners**
  - **Train to be warriors**
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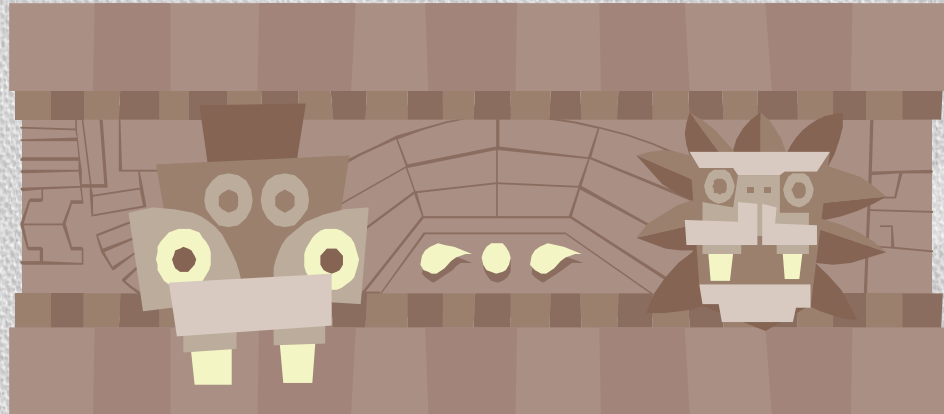
# HISTORY OF THE AZTEC EDUCATION

Kyra, Katherine ,Grace



# Glyphs

- pictures that tell messages
- used them as writing
- some can tell a story



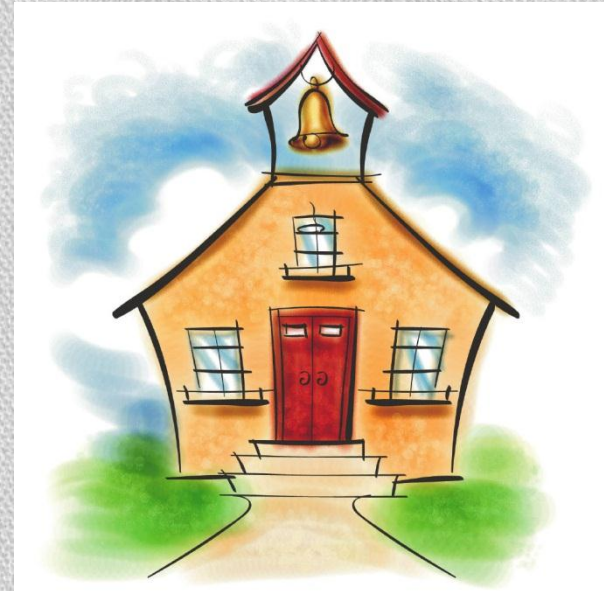
# Codex

- Paper joined together
- Paper was called Amatl
- A codex told stories



# Children's Education

- Most boys and girls learned simple chores
- Rich girls learned how to get a job
- Rich boys also learned to get a good job



By: Eleanor & Juliana

# ***AZTEC: FOOD AND FARMING***

# FOOD

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- ✘ Wives cook
- ✘ Corn
- ✘ Beans



# FARMING

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- ✘ Floating islands
- ✘ Drain lake
- ✘ Swamp gardens



## THEN

- ✘ Grow food
- ✘ Grow food on floating islands
- ✘ Wives cooked

## NOW

- ✘ Grocery stores
- ✘ Lots of farmland
- ✘ Everyone cooks

# ANALYSIS/ COMPARISON



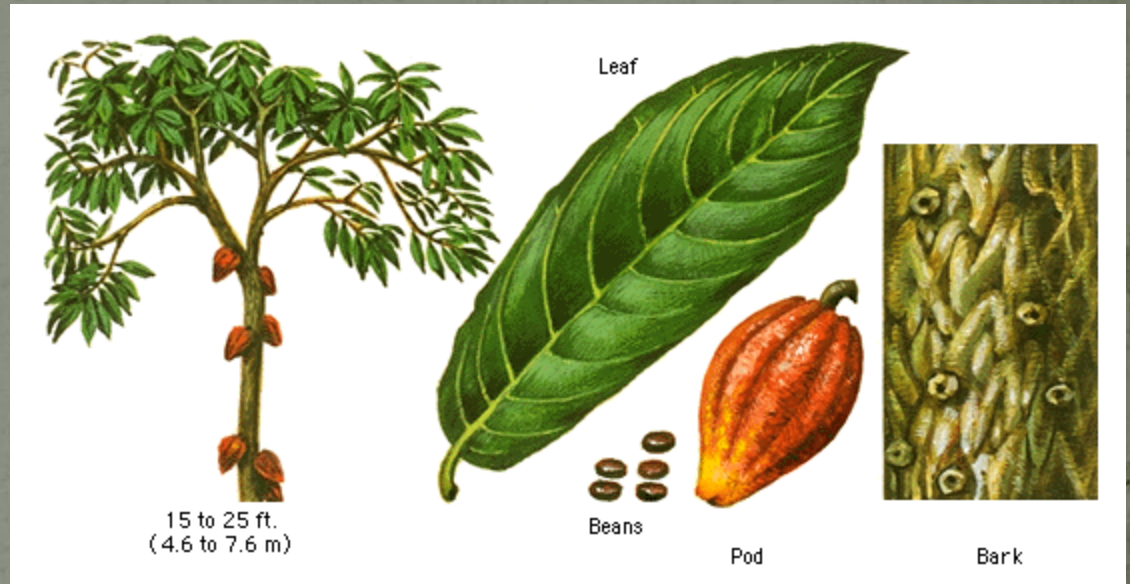
# *Fun and Games*

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Jimmy and Ryder

# Foods

- Chocolate
- Sweet pastries
- Roast meats
- Vegetables



# *Musical Instruments*

- Rattles
- Pottery Flutes
- Drums

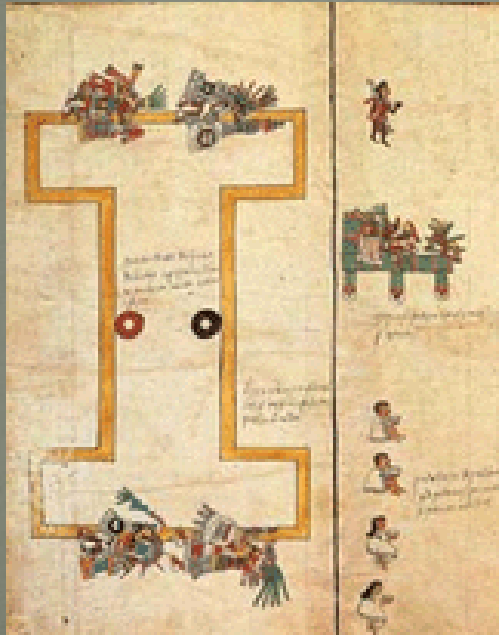


# Analysis Comparison

## Then

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- Violent games
- Gold silverware



## Now

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- Not as violent games
- Silver silverware

# HOUSING AND CLOTHING

Ayla  
Aram



# Housing

- ▣ Poor-Reeds woven together
- ▣ Noble-Made of adobe brick from mud
- ▣ King-Montezuma in top of palace

# Furniture

Everybody slept on woven mats spread on floor

# Clothing

- ▣ Poor- Not soft and bright
- ▣ Noble- allowed to wear bright colors
- ▣ King-just go to Tenochtitlan market



# Jewelry

- ▣ Gold jewelry for noses and ears



SOCIETY & FAMILY LIFE OF  
THE AZTECS  
MANUELA, CLEA & CORBIN

# AZTECS SOCIETY

Emperor

Only men

Lived in great luxury

Warriors

Are boys

Fought for two main reasons

Nobels

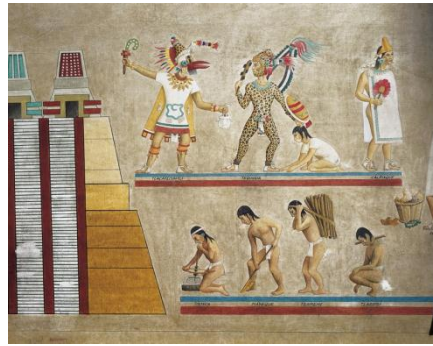
Between 10 and 20% were nobels

Called pipiltin (pee-PEEL-teen)

Slaves

Humblest of Aztecs were slaves

Had some rights



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# FAMILY ROLES

Women & girls did most household tasks

Men & boys hunted & fished

Fathers taught sons to fight

Kids helped parents with work



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# MARRIAGE

Parents organized

Slaves could marry free Aztecs

Got free land





# THE AZTEC GOVERNMENT

Katie and Bryn

# Punishments

- Thief might become slave
- Stab prisoners
- shaving prisoners



Stone scepter

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# Kings

- Had lots of power
- Lived in palace
- Had to be brave



Montezuma.

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# Comparisons

## Then

- The ruler was called king
- Aztecs dressed ruler
- Aztecs couldn't look at king
- King could only wear fancy clothes



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## Now

- It's called a president
- President dresses himself
- people can look at president
- Regular people can wear fancy clothes



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# TRADE AND ECONOMICS

Daniel and Sam



# TRADE

Sold items

Measured in cloaks



# ECONOMICS

Huge variety of goods are sale  
Open 5 days a week





# AZTEC COMPARISON



then

Now



No cars

Sold gold



no electricity

farms



cars

Coins and dollars

electricity

Grocery stores

