

# Ms. Johnson's Class Aztec Research

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# AZTEC RELIGION

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QUEST

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# Aztec Religion

- ▣ Believe in gods
- ▣ Gods controlled everything
- ▣ Cut hearts out



# Gods they believed in

- ▣ Huitzilopochtli [wit-this-o-poch-teeel]
- ▣ Tlaloc [tlal-ok]
- ▣ Quetzalcoatl [Ket-sal-koatl]



# Temples

- ▣ Rebuilt 7 times
- ▣ Very old
- ▣ Hundreds of steps





# Religious ceremonies

- ▣ Willing to sacrifice
- ▣ Gods always watched them
- ▣ Sacrificed every day



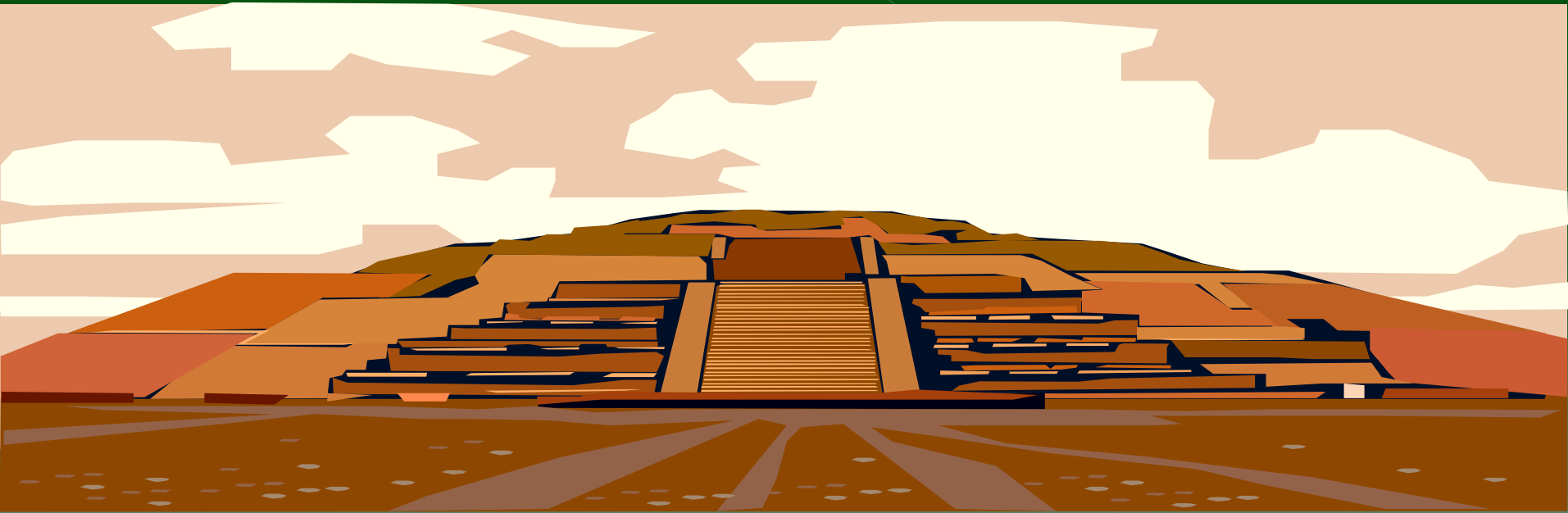
# Aztec Government

By Daemin, Gabi, and Charlotte



# Emperors and their court

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- ◎ Priests sacrificed people
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- > Shaving head
- > Piercing with cactus needles
- > Death

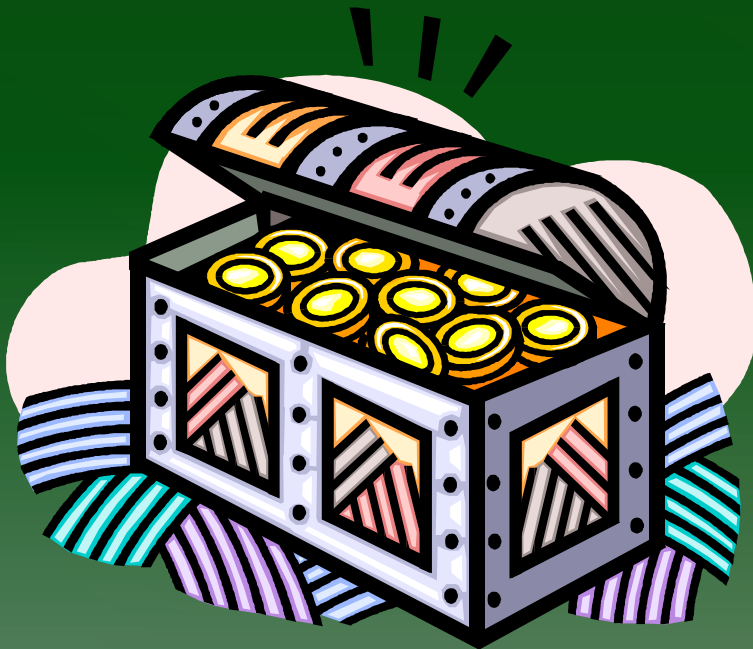
- ◎ Enslaving

- ◎ Property punishments



# Laws and Tributes

- ◎ Laws based on obedience
- ◎ Tax collectors



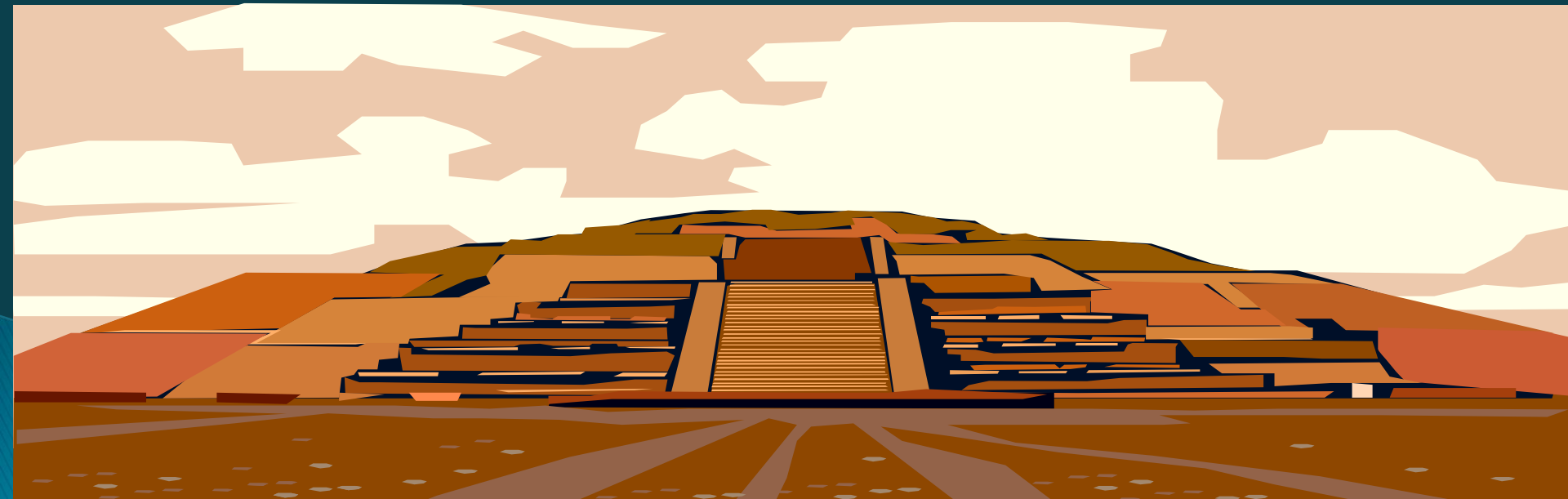
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# Aztec War & Warriors

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By Johnny, McKenna and Aksel

# Warriors and their Clothing

- Ranked by colored feathers
- Armor made out cotton





# School

- Academy



# Different warriors

- Eagle knights
- Jaguar knights



# What Weapons did they have

- Spears
- Axes
- Bow & Arrow





# Reasons they had wars

- They were angry
- Being insulted



# Planning battles and what where the battles like

- The battles was short and fierce
- They didn't plan sneak attacks







# EDUCATION

*Carly , Shanyi , Filippo*



# LANGUAGE

- ❖ Used pictures (called glyphs) not words
- ❖ Nguwati



# EDUCATION

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## Girls

- Help their mothers spin, weave, cook and clean
- No school

## Noble Girls

- learn how to become priestesses and healers
- School if parents allowed

## Boys

- help their fathers farm and fish



# EDUCATION

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- Go to school

## Noble Boys

- Went to temple school
- Learn to become judges, generals, priests or government officials





# CALENDARS

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## Solar calendar

- They were very much like ours
- They call this calendar the haab

## Sacred calendar

- They called this calendar tonalpohuall
- This calendar has 13 days in a month



# Farming and Food

Caitlin, Jacopo, Polly23



# Tools

- Mano
- Metate
- Pots
- Bowls
- Hoes
- Axe
- Mortar and Pestle



# Food

- Corn tortillas from flour
- A lot beans
- Vegetables
- Figs and nuts
- Fruit
- Turkey
- Dogs
- Rabbit

# How Do They Grow Food?

- Chinampas
- Terraces
- Dug ditches
- Corn into flour
- Floating algae



# The Aztecs Food

- Amaranth
- Squash
- Green Tomato
- Red Peanuts
- Avocado
- Tamales

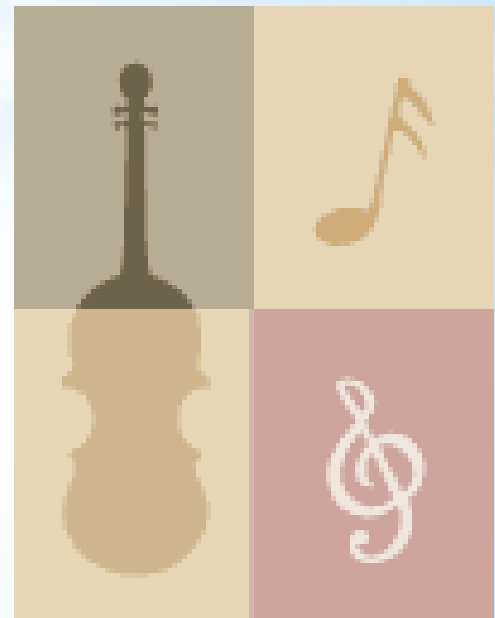


# Who Did the Cooking? How?

- Common women cooked
- Fingers
- Porridge
- Women spent hours of cooking and serving

# \*Fun and Games

*Talia and Misaki*



- \* Guests at feasts ate with fingers
- \* Smoked tobacco out of pipes or cigars
- \* Ate sauces
- \* Carved stone detailed statues

## \* Feasts and special activities

# \* Musical instruments

- \* Drums
- \* Flutes
- \* Trumpets



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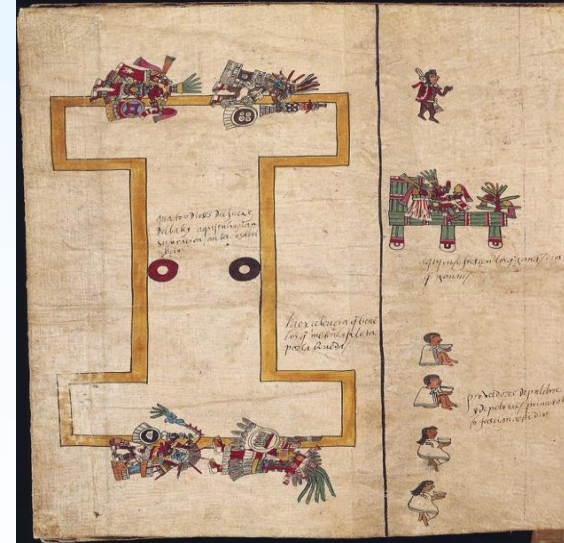


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# \* Sports and activities!

- \* Tlachtli
- \* Patolli
- \* Dancing



*Rejoissances des MEXICAINS, au commencement du SIECLE.*

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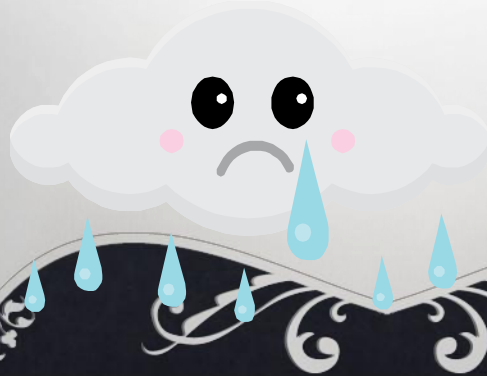
# HISTORY

*Aidan and Anastasia*



# WHERE THEY LIVED

- ❖ Dry
- ❖ Had swamps and lakes
- ❖ Little rain
- ❖ Hot/warm





# WHAT DID IT LOOK LIKE

- ❖ Huge temples
- ❖ Large causeways
- ❖ Market with food and crafts
- ❖ Canals
- ❖ Temple inside the center



# AZTEC HISTORY

- ❖ Aztecs were wandering when they found Tenochtitlan
- ❖ Empire lasted 148 years
- ❖ When the Spanish came, they destroyed Tenochtitlan
- ❖ Killed the leader

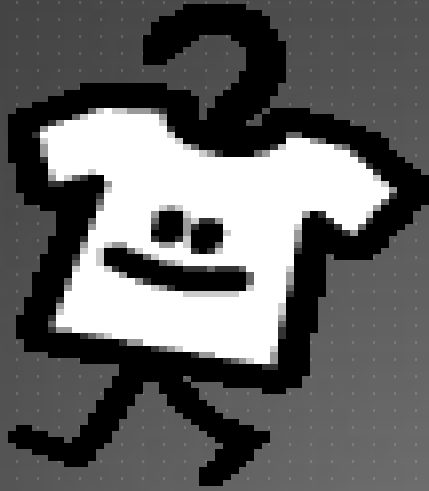




# LOCATION

- ❖ Nowhere to build so found Tenochtitlan
- ❖ Searched for city





# AZTEC HOUSING AND CLOTHING

By:

Hieu and Vanessa



# HOUSING

## King/emperor

- ▶ palace is like small town
- ▶ palace ground floor council office

## Rich/noble

Had 100 rooms

Made of adobe brick

## Peasant/Poor

- ▶ have only one room
- ▶ made of reed and mud



# CLOTHES

- ▶ King/emperor wear royal robes
- ▶ Rich could wear sandals in city
- ▶ Poor wear rough clothes
- ▶ Only King /emperor can wear turquoise



# FURNITURE

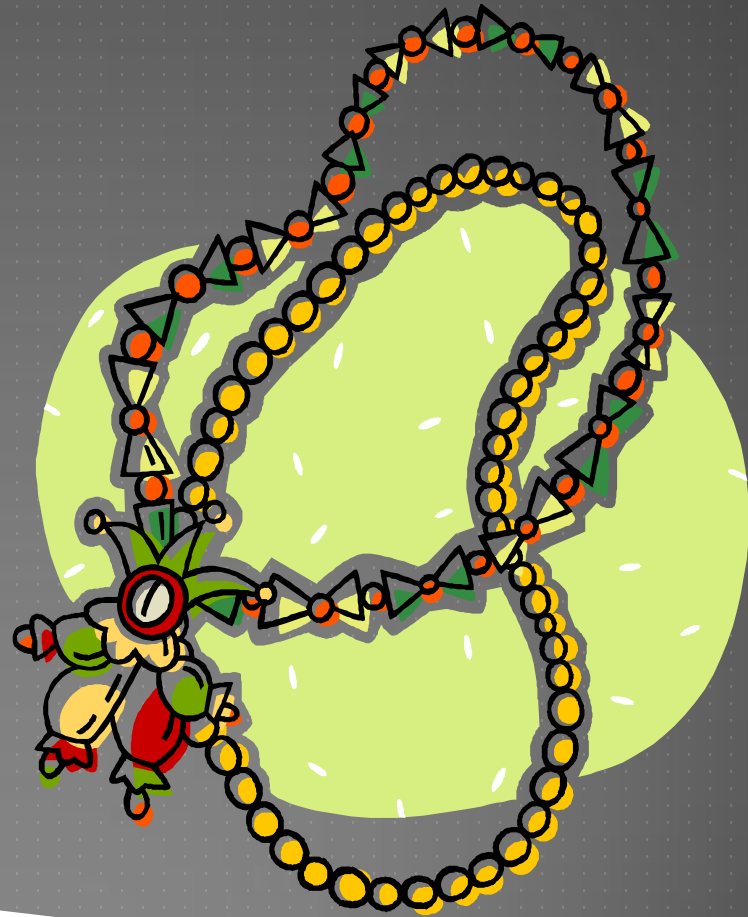
- ▶ WOVEN MATS
- ▶ LARGE CUSHIONS
- ▶ COOKING POTS
- ▶ GRINDING STONE
- ▶ AZTEC CALENDAR





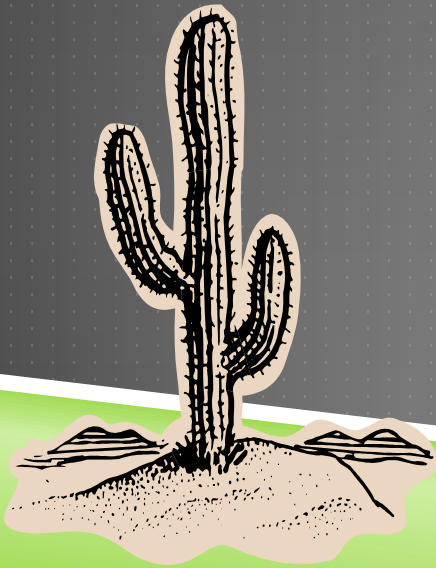
# JEWELRY

- ▶ GOLD JEWELRY
- ▶ NOSE JEWELRY
- ▶ EARRINGS
- ▶ LIP JEWELRY



# WHAT ARE THE CLOTHES MADE OF ?

- ▶ COTTON
- ▶ THREADS MADE OF PLANTS
- ▶ CACTUS



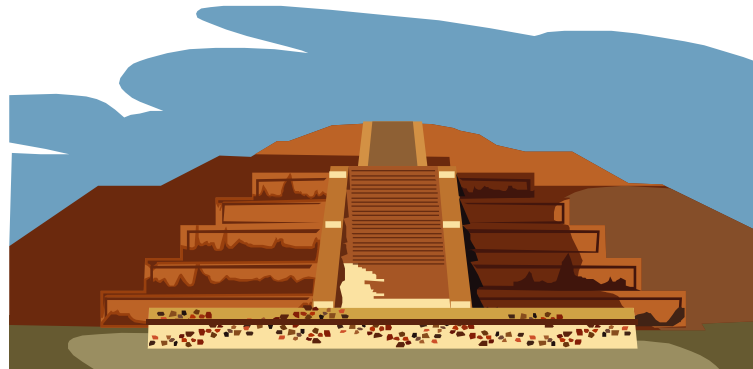


# Society and Family Life

Isabel and Luke

# Different Groups in Aztec Society

- The Emperor ruled the empire
- Warriors were trained
- 10 to 20 people were Nobles
- Slaves were the most poor



# Family Life

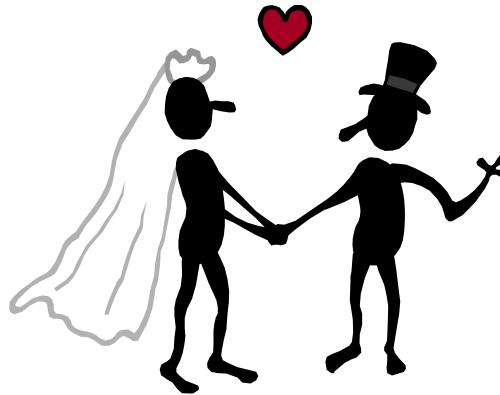
- Boys went to school
- Girls didn't go to school
- Parents were strict
- Woke up sun rise





# How did Aztecs get Married

- Parents decided who to marry
- Girls 11-16
- Boys around 20
- Calpulli gives land when married



# TRADE AND ECONOMICS

*ELLIE, MICAH AND NOLAN*

# AZTEC MARKETS

50,000 people per year

Spread goods on mats

Open air markets

Baskets heaping with food



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# Buying and Selling Goods

Foods

Jewelry

Pottery

Household items



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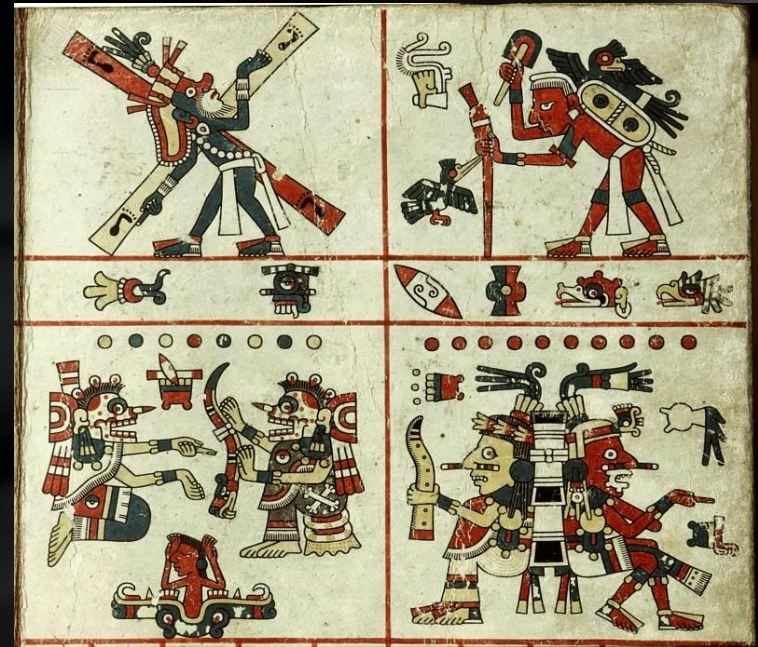
# Merchants

Pochteca

Traveled to get objects

Also spied

Porters carried goods



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# Bartering

Bartered with cocoa beans

No money



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# How Goods are Transported

Porters carried goods for merchants

On foot



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