

Mrs. Noenickx's Class

Aztec Research

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AZTEC HISTORY

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Why did they build a city on a lake?

- ▣ They saw a symbol
- ▣ Good farming land



Aztec Defeat

- ▣ Aztecs join Cortez army
- ▣ He killed thousands of Aztecs



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The Aztec Empire

- ▣ Tenochtitlan – Capitol city
- ▣ Have flat roofs on buildings



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Aztec Civilization

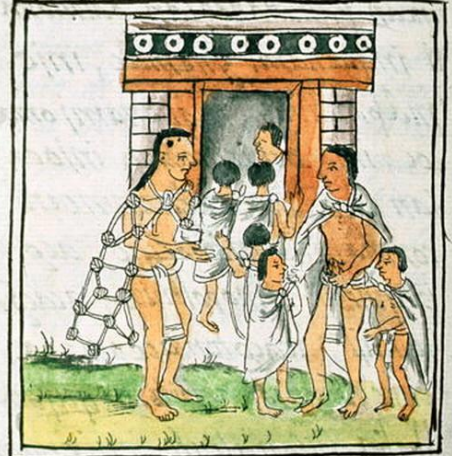
- ▣ Lasted until 1521 AD
- ▣ Lasted 222 years



Aztec Education

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ra que nos declare, su volun
tad.*



*¶ Capitulo quinto, de la
manera de vivir, y exer
cicios, que tenjan los que*

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Aztec Writing

- glyphs
- Wrote on cloth ,tree bark , and animal skins
- “ amati “
- Important people - drawn big
- Not important people - drawn small
- prayers, calendars, and taxes



The Calendar

- sun calendar
- 365 days in the sun calendar
- 5 extra days at the end of the year



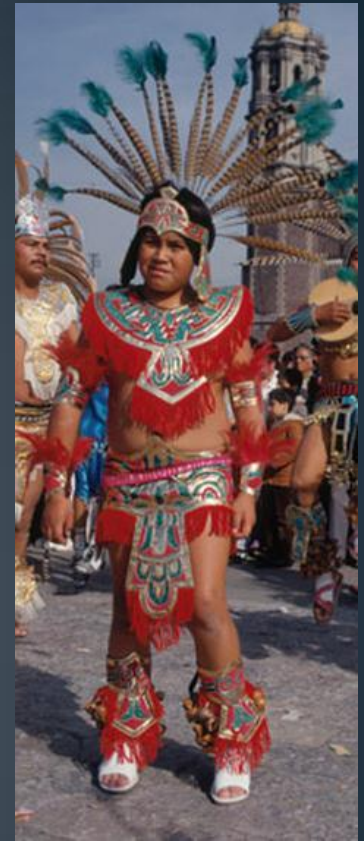
Educated Girls

- house chores
- Rich and Noble girls - calmecac school
- Rich and noble girls went to a house of song



Educated Boys

- Most boys had to go to school
- Rich and noble boys - temple school



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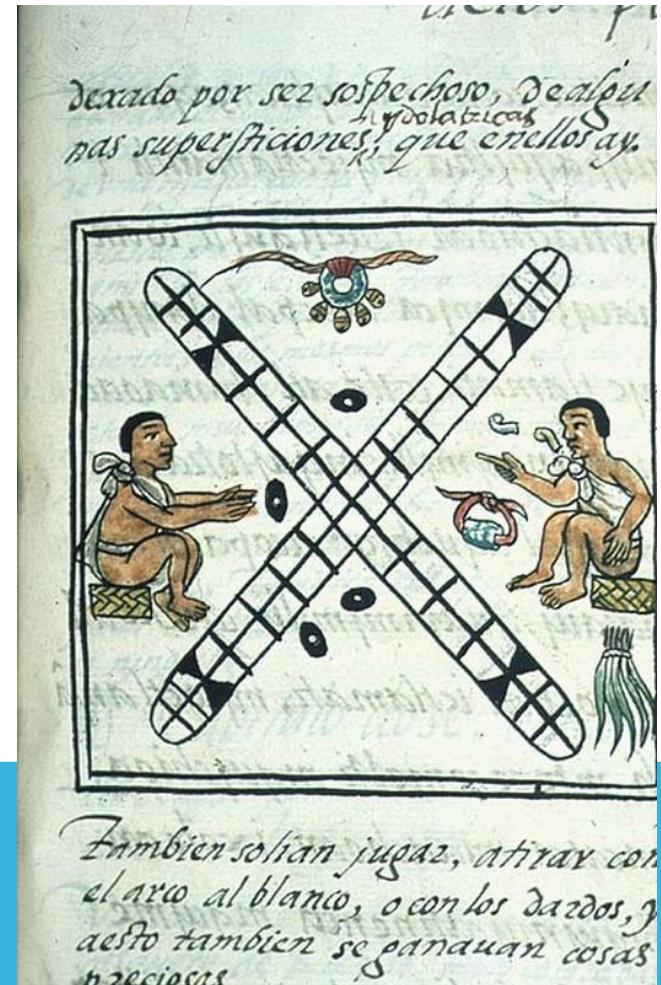
FUN AND GAMES

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SPORTS AND GAMES

Tlachtli

Patolli



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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Aztec drum

Pottery whistle

Trumpets made of shells

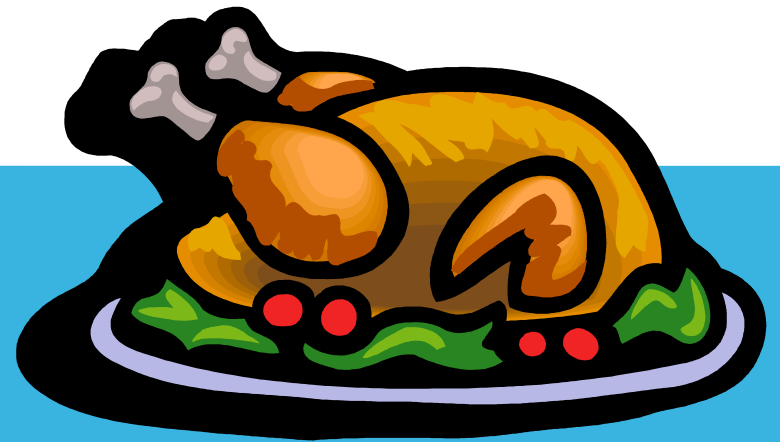


FEASTS AND FOODS

Ate different roast meats

Had a well balanced diet

Decorated tables with gold and silver stuff



AZTEC GOVERNMENT

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Montezuma II

- ▣ Leader
- ▣ Most famous ruler
- ▣ Loved animals
- ▣ He was ruler from 1502-1520



Laws and punishments

▣ Laws

- No public drunkenness
- Witchcraft
- Treason
- robbery



▣ Punishments

- Pierced guilty prisoners with cactus spines
- Thieves were hanged or stoned
- Land taken away



Woman Snake

- ▣ In charge of law and order
- ▣ Collected taxes
- ▣ Prisoners come to him



Tlatocan

- ▣ Council also does taxes
- ▣ Discuss laws and weather
- ▣ Discuss how much people should pay



nobles



- ▣ Chose a new king when a king died
- ▣ New king had to be a good warrior



AZTEC HOUSING AND CLOTHING

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HOUSES

Nobles lived in middle of Tenochtitlan

Poor homes only had 1 room



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FURNITURE

Used mats as beds

Used cushions filled with straw for seats



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CLOTHING

Embroidery on cloaks told a person's job

Poor couldn't have clothing below knees otherwise –
killed

Men wore cloth between legs

Women made clothes

Women learned to weave – young age

Emperor wore head dress



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JEWELRY

Sometimes wore earrings - gold

Gold - main source - jewelry





AZTEC RELIGION

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BELIEFS

- ❖ 1,600 gods
- ❖ gods control nature and human life
- ❖ gods gave blood to create the world
- ❖ five suns



CEREMONIES

- ❖ sacrificed thousands of people
- ❖ prayed to win wars



GODS



- ❖ Huitzilopochtli-god of sun and war
- ❖ Tezcatlipoca-god of fate most powerful
- ❖ Chalchihuitlcue-goddess of water
- ❖ Quetzalcoatl-god of education

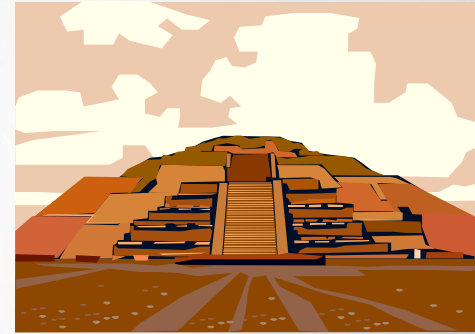
TEMPLES AND SHRINES

❖ The Great Temple

- built for two gods
- in middle of Tenochtitlan

❖ Beautiful carvings

❖ Holes in the floor for blood to sacrifice



Aztecs Farming And Food

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Food

- Women cook corn and tortillas
- Ate dog, rabbit, quail, puppy, and pigeons
- Beans so valuable used as money
- Spices and peppers used to make drinks

Tools

- Used digging sticks
- Tools were simple



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Gardens

- Linked by ditches
- Drained land
- Used different methods to garden different areas
- Crops grew easy
- Gardens on water
- Made in swamps
- Used terraces to keep soil from washing away



AZTEC ECONOMY AND
TRADING
ISABEL AND HEWAN

MARKETS

60,000 people visit markets daily

People buy everything they have in markets

Supplies 200,000 citizens with needs and wants

Tlateloco is a big market city



WHAT GOODS DID THEY BUY?

Aztecs bought:

Cacao beans

Copper

Quills filled with gold dust

Silver

Stones



WHAT GOODS DID THEY SELL?

Ducks

Wood

Carpets or rugs

Bowls

Fans



BARTERING AND MONEY

Bartered items that have same value

If not bartered correctly, could be thrown in jail

People have no coins so they barter

1 dugout canoe=1 cloak, 1 slave=25 cloaks, 1
quachtli=100 cloaks



WHAT ARE MERCHANTS AND
WHAT DID THEY DO?

Have god called Yacatecuhtli

Merchant spies bring information to emperor

Looked for goods

Hid goods



TRANSPORTING GOODS

Pochteca carry 40-70 pounds

Have no carts or wagons

Didn't use animal transportation





THE AZTECS SOCIETY & FAMILY LIFE

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WARRIORS

Able to wear fine clothes and drink alcohol

Young boys trained to be warriors



NOBLES

Live in two story homes
Between 10 & 20% Aztecs



SLAVES

Save money, buy house, buy land and marry free Aztecs

Born free people



MARRIAGE

Arranged by parents

Get plot of land once married

Girls married at age 12

Feast before marriage

STRUCTURING THE FAMILY

Woman cooked food and made clothes

Boys grew up to be warriors



War and Warriors

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Battles

- Sent nobles to a city
- Asked leader to join
- Battles were bloody and deadly



Uniforms

- They wore eagle heads and jaguar skins
- Captains wore red feathers only



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How men became warriors

- men except slaves became warriors
- If a boy killed four prisoners, he got a special cape



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Weapons

- Spears
- Swords
- Javelins

