
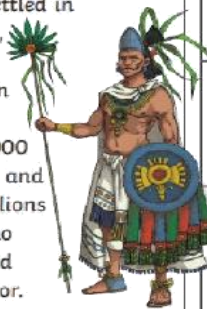


Key Vocabulary		Who Were the Aztecs?	Who Did the Aztecs Worship?
<b>alliance</b>	When two or more groups of people or countries agree to work together and help each other.	The Aztecs were a <b>nomadic</b> tribe who settled in <b>Mexico</b> around AD 1300.	The Aztecs believed in many gods and would <b>sacrifice</b> human life to keep their gods happy. They would build towers and temples for their gods.
<b>empire</b>	A group of people ruled by an emperor.		<b>Tlaloc</b> god of rain
<b>hieroglyphics</b>	A writing system that uses pictures and symbols instead of letters and words.	They settled in Tenochtitlán as this had a good supply of water and food with easy access to nearby towns for <b>trade</b> .	<b>Xochipilli</b> god of creativity, happiness and beauty
<b>Mexico</b>	A country in North America.	Once they settled in Tenochtitlán, the Aztec <b>empire</b> began to grow. It covered 80,000 square miles and included millions of people who were all ruled by an emperor.	<b>Tonatiuh</b> god of the sun, <b>sacrifice</b> and warriors
<b>nomads</b>	A group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one location.		<b>Xiuhtecutli</b> god of time and fire
<b>sacrifice</b>	An offering of something as a religious act.		<b>Quetzalcóatl</b> god of death and the underworld
<b>trade</b>	Buying and selling goods and services.		
<b>tribe</b>	A group of people including many families.		

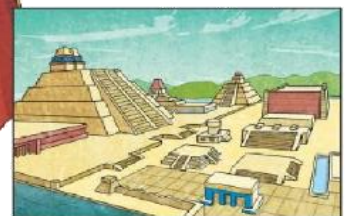
Key Events	
AD 1100	The Aztecs are <b>nomads</b> , moving from place to place.
AD 1200-1300	The Aztecs arrive in <b>Mexico</b> .
AD 1325	The city of Tenochtitlán is built as their capital city.
AD 1428	As the Aztecs form an <b>alliance</b> with other tribes, their <b>empire</b> begins to grow.
AD 1521	The Aztec empire is invaded and destroyed by Spain.
AD 1522	Tenochtitlán is rebuilt as Mexico City - the capital of Mexico.

What Were the Aztecs Famous For?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agriculture (farming)</li> <li>• calendar system</li> <li>• art</li> <li>• continuing the Maya tradition of making a chocolate drink using cocoa beans</li> <li>• architecture (buildings and structures), including pyramids, palaces and temples</li> <li>• writing in pictograms and <b>hieroglyphics</b></li> </ul>

The word Aztec means 'someone who comes from Aztlán' - an unknown location in northern **Mexico**.




Tenochtitlán was built on a marshy island near the edge of Lake Texcoco.



### What Was Daily Life like for the Aztecs?

- Most Aztecs lived in huts made from mud and straw. Rich people could afford palaces or homes made of stone and they bathed in steam rooms and saunas.
- The men were either craftsmen, farmers or warriors who defended the **empire**.
- The women stayed at home to cook and weave clothes.
- Children had to go to school to learn important skills like hunting or cooking.
- The Aztecs were excellent hunters and farmers and were skilled at fishing.
- They made intricate masks, pottery and jewellery.

<b>1195</b>  Aztecs arrive in Valley of Mexico.	<b>1195</b>  The Aztecs settle near lake Texcoco.	<b>1325</b>  Tenochtitlán is founded. The first Aztec temple is built.	<b>1350</b>  Causeways and canals are built.	<b>1370</b>  Tenoch, the Aztec Priest and ruler, dies. Aztecs ruled by Tepanecs.	<b>1375</b>  Acamapichtli becomes the first ruler of the Aztecs.	<b>1400</b>  Tepanecs are defeated. Aztecs expand and rule the whole valley.	<b>1440</b>  Moctezuma starts his rule.
<b>1452</b>  Tenochtitlán is destroyed by a flood.	<b>1486</b>  Ahuizotl begins his rule.	<b>1487</b>  The Great Temple at Tenochtitlán is dedicated.	<b>1502</b>  Montezuma becomes ruler.	<b>1519</b>  Cortés comes to Mexico. Montezuma is killed.	<b>1520</b>  Cuitlahuac is elected ruler.	<b>1521</b>  Tenochtitlán is destroyed.	<b>1522</b>  Tenochtitlán is rebuilt and renamed Mexico City. It is declared a Spanish colony.