

The Aztecs: Engineering an Empire

Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper

1. What happens to the girl?
2. What did the Aztecs think would happen without sacrifices?
3. What lake did the Aztecs go to?
4. What is their present day location?
5. Why did the leader go to this lake?
6. What does Teotihuacán mean?
7. How did the Aztecs build their temple on swamps?
8. How did people carry light and heavy things?
9. What was the dominant tribe in the region?
10. In 1428 the Aztecs declared war on their enemy. Who helped them in this?
11. What significant piece of engineering were the Aztecs able to create?
12. How do we know the Aztecs were a 'clean people'?
13. What mountain range, that we are familiar with, were the Aztecs getting water from?
14. Who led the Aztecs next?
15. List some of his accomplishments.
16. Similar to New Orleans, what problem did the Aztecs have?
17. How did the Aztecs overcome this issue?
18. What is a chinapa?
19. Why are the chinapas important?
20. Who was the next ruler? What is important to know about him?
21. How did they spread their riches to the rest of the empire?
22. Which G-ds were honored in the temple?
23. What happens to adulterers?
24. What was the most precious possession for the Aztecs?
25. What would happen if the G-ds didn't get what they wanted?
26. Who was the new leader of the Aztecs?
27. How many people were subject to Aztec rule?
28. In 1519, Cortes landed with how many men?
29. What happened to Cortes as he came through the cities?
30. What is significant about Cortes and the girls' relationship?
31. How was Cortes able to get so many people to join his cause?
32. Where did the conquistadors believe they were when they reached the capitol of the empire?
33. How was their first meeting? Describe.
34. What did the Spaniards officially do to Montezuma?
35. What sparked an uprising between the two peoples?
36. What happened to Montezuma?
37. What is the 'noche triste,' the sad night?
38. How does Cortes destroy the city?
39. In May 1520, Cortes launched a final attack. Was it successful?
40. How was 500 of Cortes' soldiers able to take over the Aztec empire (2 reasons)?