

The Aztecs and the Spanish Conquest

Life in the Aztec World

Researching History

Select an element of Aztec life as a research topic. You can choose from one of the suggestions below, or discuss another appropriate topic with your teacher.

women	children	men	clothing	food	rituals	education	jobs
recreation	technology	buildings	religion	war	weapons	family	

1. Identify two sub-areas of your topic to research. For example, if you selected “clothing,” your sub-areas could be “men’s clothing” and “women’s clothing.”

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2. Make a list of synonyms for your topic and sub-areas. This will help you find information in your research.

- Topic: _____
- Sub-area 1: _____
- Sub-area 2: _____

3. When researching, it is best to look at a variety of sources, including books and websites. You should include a bibliography with the details of sources you consult, and it can also be helpful to annotate your bibliography with details about what kind of information each source contains or how relevant the source was to your research.

Ask your teacher if there is a specific citation style you should use; otherwise, follow the structure below and practice creating annotated bibliography entries for two sources.

Bibliographic entry for books:

Last name, First name. *Title of book*. City of publication, Publisher, Date published.

Bibliographic entry for websites:

Author. “Webpage title.” *Website title*, URL. Date of access.

Source 1: _____

Annotation: _____

Source 2: _____

Annotation: _____

4. Summarize the information you obtained from your sources in the table below. This should consist of both summarized, dot point information and direct quotes.

Topic	Sub-area 1	Sub-area 2
Dot points		
Direct quotes		

5. Write a paragraph about your topic, using the information from your research.
