

The Aztecs and the Spanish Conquest

Life in the Aztec World

Comprehension Questions



Watch the video carefully and complete the comprehension questions and activities.

1. Name the capital city of the Aztec Empire.

2. Name the two main gods worshipped at Huei Teocalli.

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3. Describe the organizational/societal structure of a calpulli.

4. After severe _____ in 1452, the Aztecs rebuilt Tenochtitlán in a _____ pattern, adding a huge levee, and an _____ that stretched five kilometers.

5. According to historians' estimates, how many people visited the Tenochtitlán marketplaces each day?

- a) 600
- b) 6,000
- c) 60,000
- d) 600,000

6. Number the following levels in the Aztec societal hierarchy from highest (1) to lowest (5) by placing the numbers in the correct boxes.

- ☐ Slaves
- ☐ Merchants
- ☐ Commoners
- ☐ Emperor
- ☐ Nobility

7. Prisoners of war were:

- a) always forced into slavery.
- b) always sacrificed to the gods.
- c) either made slaves or used for human sacrifice.
- d) educated for integration into Aztec society.

8. Education was highly valued in Aztec society.

True False

9. Name four potential jobs for children of nobles.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

10. Being a _____ was central to Aztec male identity, and being a great warrior could lead to an improved _____ status.