

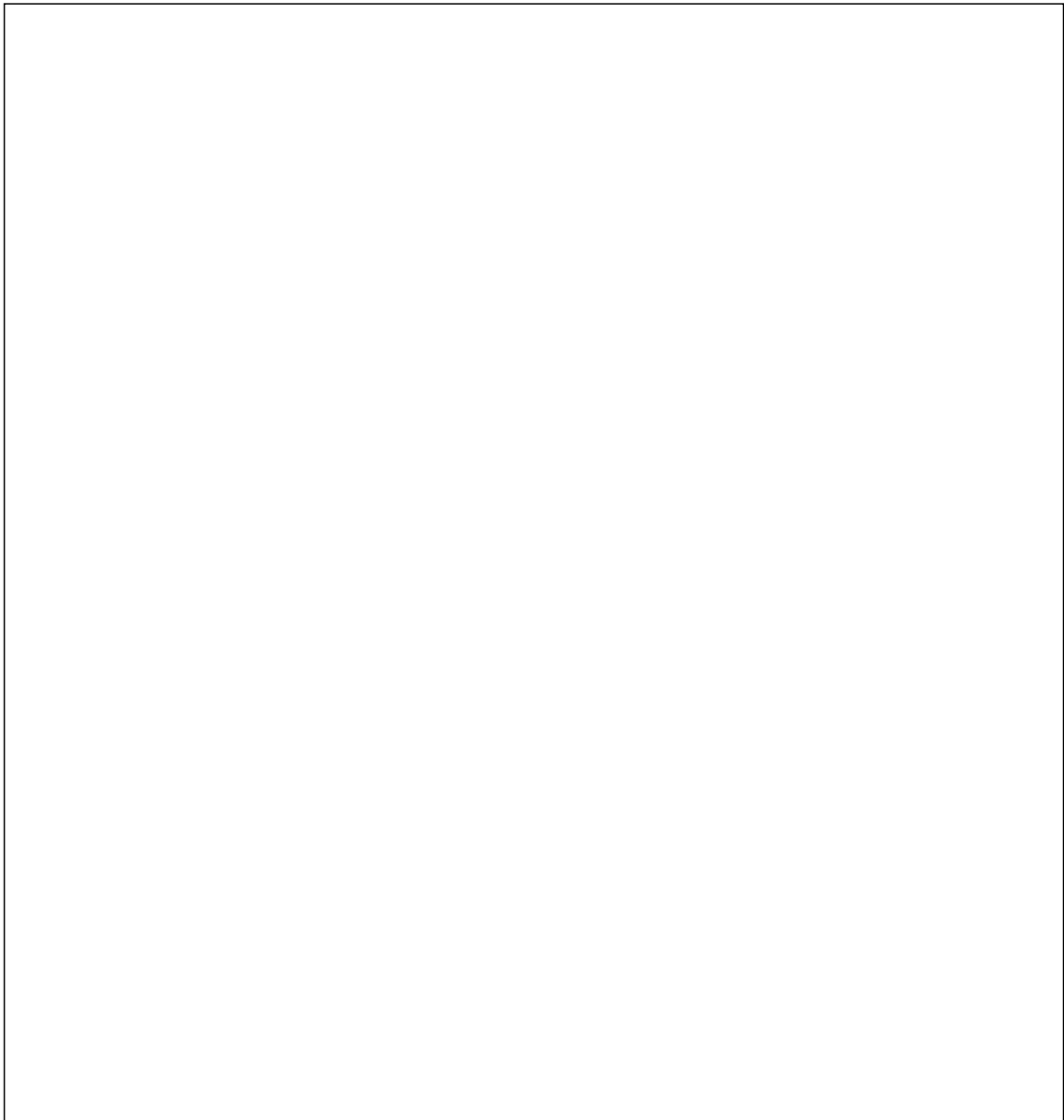
# The Aztecs and the Spanish Conquest

## Origins of the Aztec Empire

### | The Eagle, the Snake, and the Cactus

The ancient Aztecs were drawn to create their new homeland at Lake Texcoco after their priest had a vision of an eagle holding a snake in its mouth on a cactus. This was seen as a sign from their gods that they had found their new land. They then settled at Lake Texcoco, establishing their capital city Tenochtitlán there.

1. Create an artwork depicting this vision and draw or attach it below. It can be in any style: mosaic, drawn, painted, digital, surreal, or realistic. Consider your color choices, size of figures, placement of objects, and use of symbols.



2. Create an information panel, similar to what you would find in a museum or art gallery, for your artwork. Include:

- The title of the artwork
- The name of the artist/creator (i.e. you)
- The month and year of creation
- The historical context of the artwork
- An explanation of the choices you made in depicting the vision

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