

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



Subject: History

Topic: Aztecs

Year: 4

What should I already know?

- Where Mexico is on a world map.
- The Aztecs were known for being fierce.
- What hieroglyphics are.

What am I going to learn?

- The Aztecs were a fierce tribe of warriors; every Aztec male was trained as a warrior.
- They lived as nomads, which meant they travelled around different parts of central America until they settled in the valley of Mexico around 1300.
- Their capital city was called Tenochtitlan and this is where Mexico City now stands.
- The Aztecs built palaces, pyramids and temples and created a powerful city for themselves.
- Religion was very important to the Aztecs and they believed in many gods.
- The Aztecs mainly worshipped the sun god.
- It was important to keep the gods happy so the Aztecs even sacrificed human life to do just that!
- Hunting and fishing were important activities for the Aztecs.
- Aztec craftsmen were skilled stoneworkers; they also liked to work with colourful feathers.
- Aztec markets operated on a barter system (exchanging products).
- Maize was their central food; however, they also ate vegetables including beans and squash.
- The Aztecs discovered chocolate!
- How Spain destroyed the Aztecs.



Vocabulary

Empire: A group or country ruled over by a single monarch.

Warrior: a brave or experienced soldier or fighter.

Nahuatl: language of the Aztecs.

Tenochtitlan: the name of the city the Aztecs built.

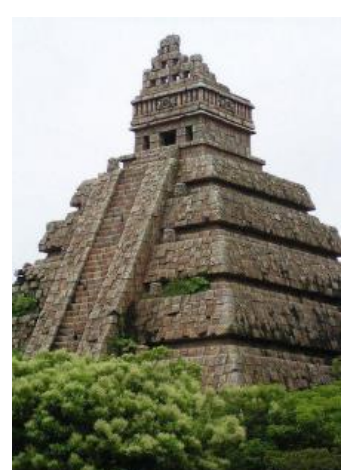
Sacrifice: an offering to the Gods. This could be animal, food or human offerings.

Temple: a sacred building where the Aztecs could worship their Gods.

Tenoch: Aztec Priest and ruler.

Temple: a building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.

Conquistadors: a conqueror from Spain.



Useful Websites

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWxqnZeELbU>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/aztecs>