

## **Mexico – The Country**

- 1. 758,278 square miles in size.**
- 2. 1,100 miles long.....1,900 miles wide.**
- 3. One-Fourth the size of the United States.**
- 4. 2,000 miles of border with the United States.**
- 5. Two-Thirds of the country is mountains or desert:**
  - A) The geography has created some bad economic problems.**
  - B) It has created difficulties in transportation.**
  - C) It has created difficulties in communication.**
- 6. Also has:**
  - A) Fertile plains.**
  - B) Tropical areas.**
  - C) Rivers.....Etc.**
- 7. Highest point in the country...Mt. Orizaba:**
  - A) 18,700 feet high.**
- 8. Annual average temperature.....62 degrees.**

- 9. Primary Barrier to.....Economic “Well-Being”.....**  
**Absence of sufficient moisture:**  
**A) Northern Mexico.....Parched – “Water Hungry.”**  
**B) Central Mexico.....Barely enough moisture to sustain plant life:**  
**I. Rains are seasonal!**  
**C) Southern Mexico.....Saturated with water.**

- 10. Rain:**  
**A) One-Half of the country:**  
**I. Insufficient rain year-round.**  
**B) 13% of the country:**  
**I. Sufficient rain year-round.**

- 11. Permanent Snow Line:**  
**A) Between 14,600 and 15,000 feet.**

- 12. Is a country of small villages:**  
**A) 94% of these villages have less than 500 people.**

- 13. Capital...Mexico City...7,650 feet above sea level:**  
**A) Largest city.**  
**B) From Mexico City to Veracruz...265 miles.**

**14. 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city...Guadalajara.**

**15. 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city...Monterrey.**

**16. 4<sup>th</sup> largest city...Puebla.**

**17. 21 cities...Population of 25,000 or more.**

**18. Population:**

- A) Density is over 27 per square mile.**
- B) 70% live above 3,000 feet sea level.**
- C) 29% live above 6,000 feet sea level.**
- D) 1% live over 6,000 feet above sea level.**

**19. Two-Thirds of Mexican “place names” come from Indian dialects:**

- A) One-half of the words in the “Mexican” language are from Indian dialects, NOT, from Spanish!!**

**20. Primary crops grown all over the country:**

- A) Bananas.**
- B) Corn.**
- C) Wheat.**
- D) Fruits.**

## **Mexico – The 5 Pre-Conquest Periods**

- 1. 0 to 5,000 BC – The Pre-Agricultural Period.**
- 2. 5,000 BC to 1,500 BC – The Archaic Period.**
- 3. 1,500 BC to 200 BC – The Pre-Classic Period:**
  - A) Marked by the appearance of 2 famous civilizations:**
    - I. 700 BC – Olmecs.**
    - II. 400 BC – Mayas.**
- 4. 200 BC to 900 AD – The Classic Period:**
  - A) Marked by the appearance of the Toltecs:**
    - I. In 900 AD.**
- 5. 900 AD to 1521 – The Post-Classic Period:**
  - A) Marked by the appearance of the Aztecs:**
    - I. 1,400 AD.**

# **0 to 5,000 BC – The Pre-Agricultural Period**

## **1. 10,000 BC – Mexico:**

- A) Dense jungles and forests.**
- B) Grassy plains.**
- C) Lush grasslands.**
- D) Moist conditions.**
- E) Rich vegetation.**
- F) Deserts.**
- G) Large Lakes on the floor of the Valley of Mexico.**

## **2. The Valley of Mexico...The most important area in all of Mexico throughout its history!!!**

- A) 7,244 feet above sea level.**
- B) Encircled by Mountains.**
- C) Surrounded by 4 other Valleys:**
  - I. Puebla...To the East.**
  - II. Toluca...To the West.**
  - III. Morelos...To the South.**
  - IV. Teotlalpam...To the North.**

## **3. Animals in Mexico during this Period:**

- A) Mammoths...Mastadons.**
- B) Bison.**
- C) Antelope.**
- D) Camels.**
- E) Giant Armadillos.**
- F) Species of the Horse (Now Extinct).**
- G) Man!**

**4. Division of Ancient Peoples in Mexico:**

- A) North.....Nomadic Tribes.**
- B) South.....Agricultural Tribes.**

**5. First People – Into the Valley of Mexico:**

- A) Small Nomadic Tribes:**
  - I. In search of animals to eat.**

**6. Primary Method of Hunting:**

- A) Burn dry grasses...Drive animals into marshes  
...Kill them.**

**7. 7,500 BC – Drying Period starts:**

- A) Plant life dies off.**
- B) Large animals start to radically disappear.**
- C) Radically changes the lives of Hunters:**
  - I. Reduced to eating smaller animals:**

**(1) Some that can be eaten in a single mouthful.**

**II. What they eat:**

**(1) Snakes.**

**(2) Lizards.**

**(3) Rodents.**

**(4) Insects.**

**(5) Seeds.**

**(6) Roots.**

**(7) Nuts.**

**(8) Berries.**

**(9) Eggs.**

**(10) Shellfish.**

**D) Change marks the beginning of the Agricultural Age:**

**I. Maize (Corn) grows almost everywhere:**

**(1) Will become the basis of almost all diets.**

**8. 7,000 BC – Beginning of crude experimentation in Agriculture.**

**9. 1945 – Village of Tepexpan – Few miles North of Mexico City:**

**A) Remains of a “man” are found:**

**I. Near the remains of a Mammoth.**

**B) Named: "The Tepexpan Man."**

**C) Actually a Woman!!!**

**I. 5-7 tall.....Blood Type "A".....55 to 60 years of age at the time of death:**

**(1) Killed during a hunt.**

**D) Mesocephalic Skull:**

**I. Like a skull.....Today!!**

**E) Is of the same race and characteristics of the Archaic Peoples that will inhabit the Valley.**

## **5,000 BC to 1,500 BC – The Archaic Period**

- 1. 5000 BC – 1<sup>st</sup> successful PLANTING of Corn:  
A) Where?...Tehuacan in Puebla.**
  
- 2. 4000 BC – Hunters start settling down and becoming Sedentary:  
A) Why?...Because of the “Coa”:  
I. Stick...Used to poke holes in the earth to plant Corn!**
  
- 3. 2000 BC – Man – Starts – Shaping Clay:  
A) Earliest form of...Sculpture!**

# **1500 BC to 200 BC – The Pre-Classic Period**

**1. People start settling around the Lakes in the Valley of Mexico in 4 primary areas:**

- A) Zacatenco.**
- B) Copilco.**
- C) Ticoman.**
- D) Tlatilco.**

**2. Certain items start to become very valuable:**

- A) Fruit.**
- B) Vegetables.**
- C) Wood.**
- D) Stone.**
- E) Shells.**
- F) Jade.**
- G) Cotton.**
- H) Turquoise.**

**3. Agriculture is the factor that enables man to start settling in clusters...called “Villages”:**

- A) The people of those villages are primarily Farmers.**

- B) Main foods grown are:**
  - I. Corn.....Which, they cook.**
  - II. Squash.**
  - III. Beans.**

**4. The “Villages” are actually Tribal Settlements:**

- A) Are small.**
- B) Simple village life evolves.**
- C) Simple village society evolves.**
- D) Levels of society develop.**
- E) Languages develop.**
- F) Religious rites and ceremonies develop.**
- G) The exchange of goods between cultures starts.**
- H) All settlements have a common culture:**
  - I. BUT, the one thing that differs slightly from settlement to settlement is the Artistic Production!**
- I) Organization is democratic.**
- J) No class differences.**
- K) Labor is divided according to sex.**

**5. Houses:**

- A) Crude open Huts.**
- B) Made of Adobe, Reeds, and Branches.**

**C) All rooms are rectangular.**

**6. What did the people use, do, and start?**

**A) Built storage bins.**

**B) Used fertilizers.**

**C) Brew an Alcoholic Drink...Pulque:**

**I. Fermented juice of the Maguey Plant.**

**D) Develop a crude Calendar.**

**E) Make clothing from Maguey & Cotton fibers.**

**F) Use Tobacco:**

**I. Smoke it.....BUT,....:**

**(1) Used primarily for Medicinal purposes.**

**G) Make their cooking utensils from stone.**

**H) Are familiar with Music.**

**I) Develop Art Forms:**

**I. Ceramics.....Make Tiles.**

**II. Jewelry.....Necklaces – Bracelets – Pendants  
– Earrings:**

**(1) Make them from Animal Bones.**

**J) Weapons are for Hunting rather than for War!**

**I. Did keep heads from prisoners of war as  
trophies.**

**7. Burials:**

**A) In pits.**

**B) No tombs.**

**C) No set direction or position:**

**I. Face up – Face down – Sideways – Etc.**

**D) Sometimes...Partial Burials:**

**I. Heads separated from bodies.**

**E) Place objects in graves with bodies:**

**I. Pots – Stone Implements – Bone Implements  
– Foods – Small Dogs – Etc.**

**8. Population:**

**A) Density is low and increases slowly...Why?**

**I. High rate of Child Mortality:**

**(1) Only one-third will reach adulthood!!**

**B) Of the Skeletons found...Male & Female:**

**I. Only a few are over 50 years of age!**

# **“Civilization”**

## **1. How does it come into being???**

- A) Nomad/Hunters become classified into an “Industry.”**
- B) Industry becomes Culture.**
- C) Culture evolves into a Civilization!**

## **2. Implies an Urban, Literate Society:**

- A) Possesses a complex social organization of:
  - I. Labor.**
  - II. Politics.**
  - III. Religion.****
- B) Possess the ability to Write.**
- C) Will increase Technology.**
- D) Thinking becomes:
  - I. More Diverse.**
  - II. More Abstract.****

# **The Olmec Civilization Of The Pre-Classic Period**

## **Olmeecs - Background**

**1. 1500 BC to 200 BC – 2 dominant civilizations will appear in Mexico:**

**A) 700 BC – The Olmeecs.**

**B) 200 BC – People of Monte Alban.**

**2. Height of Olmec power:**

**A) 700 BC to 400 BC.**

**B) Civilization starts in 700 BC.**

**C) Are called “The Mother Culture.”**

**3. Originally:**

**A) Inhabited the lowland region along the Eastern Coast of Mexico...States of:**

**I. Yucatan.**

**II. Tabasco.**

**III. Veracruz.**

**IV. Campeche.**

**B) 2 highest developed centers:**

**I. Veracruz.**

**II. Tabasco.**

**C) Largest Town:**

**I. La Venta in Tabasco:**

**(1) 18,000 people.**

**D) Another large town is:**

**I. Monte Alban...Located on a Mountain Top:**

**(1) Outside today's city of Oaxaca.**

## **Olmec – Cities**

- 1. Olmecs are NOT great Architects.**
- 2. Live in Temple-Type cities.**
- 3. Center of Olmec Civilization is Tlatilco:**
  - A) Is their most classical site.**
  - B) Located in the Valley of Mexico.**

## **Olmec – Sculpture & Jewelry**

**1. Invent Sculpture in Mexico.**

**2. Are very adept at working with stone.**

**3. Carve monumental stone heads which represent the appearance of the Art of Sculpture:**

**A) Some of those stone heads are 9 feet tall and weigh 40 tons.**

**4. Use a lot of Jade in their Jewelry:**

**A) Even...Inlay their teeth with Jade.**

**5. Flatten their heads...Considered beautiful.**

## **Olmec – “Writing”**

### **1. They draw Hieroglyphs:**

- A) 1<sup>st</sup> form of “Writing” in Mexico.**
- B) Is their most important development.**

### **2. From them we get the 2 oldest legible dates in the American World:**

#### **A) The Incomplete Statuette:**

- I. “7.16.6.16.18” – September 2, 31 BC.**

#### **B) The Tuxtla Statuette:**

- I. Small Jade figure of a man with a Duck’s bill:  
(1) 162 AD.**

## **Olmec – Calendar**

- 1. Possess great astronomical knowledge.**
- 2. Develop an early calendar.**
- 3. Are the real inventors of the “Mayan Calendar.”**

## **Olmec – Agriculture**

### **1. Develop Farming Tools from:**

- A) Wood.**
- B) Stone.**
- C) Bone.**
- D) Horns.**

### **2. Develop the first 2 Agricultural Techniques in the American world:**

- A) Elementary Irrigation.**
- B) Cultivation.**

### **3. Develop 2 more key growing methods:**

- A) Terracing.**
- B) “Chinampas”:**
  - I. Floating Gardens.**

### **4. Primary Crops are:**

- A) Corn.**
- B) Beans.**
- C) Squash.**

## **Olmec – Medicine**

### **1. Practice a crude form of Brain Surgery:**

**A) How do we know?...Skulls found with scars from the surgery!**

**B) How were they able to do it?**

**I. They use a great amount of Hallucenogenic Drugs:**

**(1) From Mushrooms & Cactus.**

# **Olmec – Religion, Beliefs, & Gods**

**1. Practice intense Ceremonialism.**

**2. Have organized social classes:**

**A) Directed by Priests.**

**3. Are worshippers of the Jaguar.**

**4. Believe in “Nahual”:**

**A) Every person’s destiny is linked to an animal.**

**B) Every animal is linked by destiny to a God:**

**I. That animal is that God’s representative on Earth:**

**(1) Thus...Tiger/Man – Tiger/God.**

**(2) Thus...Duck/Man – Duck/God.**

**C) This belief will be passed all the way down to the Aztecs:**

**I. Quetzalcoatl...Snake/Bird God...Plumed Serpent!**

## **Olmec – Women**

**1. Live a long life.**

**2. Dye their hair red:**

**A) Braid it or let it hang down their backs.**

**3. Some go totally naked.**

**4. Some wear “Ballerina-Type” skirts – Simple Loincloths – or, Wide short skirts.**

**5. Wear a 1,000 different styles of Turbans or Hats.**

**6. Paint their bodies and faces:**

**A) Primarily yellow, red, or blue.**

**7. A very tattooed body is considered beautiful.**

## **Olmeecs – “Sport”**

- 1. Play a traditional ball game called “Ollama”:**
  - A) Is a sacred ritual.**
  - B) Is associated with the movement of planets in the heavens, AND, is tied to man’s fate!**
  - C) Wager large sums.**
  - D) At times, teams represent political factions.**
  - E) Sometimes the losing Captain is sacrificed.**
  - F) Sometimes the losers become Slaves to the winners.**

## **Olmeecs – Wealth**

**1. Measured in material goods like:**

- A) Rubber.**
- B) Pitch.**
- C) Jade.**
- D) Chocolate.**
- E) Bird Feathers.**

**2. They sometimes hunt humans and keep the heads as trophies.**

# **Olmeecs – The End of Their Civilization**

**1. People from Western Mexico enter the Valley of Mexico:**

**A) Fuse with the Olmeecs:**

**I. This creates a great step forward.**

**2. New Culture develops in the Valley of Mexico:**

**A) That culture will be centered in the great city of...Teotihuacan.**

**3. 400 BC – La Venta is destroyed!**

## **200 BC to 900 AD – The Classic Period**

- 1. One single factor appears in the Valley of Mexico and causes this Period.....Climate!!**
  - A) A period of drought hits the entire region.**
  - B) Water level of the Lakes drops.**
  - C) Vegetation changes drastically.**
  - D) Wild animals decrease in numbers.**
  
- 2. Is a period of low culture:**
  - A) Many of the advances of the previous periods will be forgotten or destroyed.**
  
- 3. The period is marked by the high development... And disappearance of the great city of Teotihuacan:**
  - A) 32 miles North of present Mexico City.**
  
- 4. The 2 most important groups of people in the period:**
  - A) People of Teotihuacan.**
  - B) Mayas.**
  
- 5. Is a period of peace and prosperity:**

**A) Commercial transactions take place in huge numbers.**

**B) Large amount of interchanging of ideas between peoples.**

**6. Villages start showing a definite architectural plan.**

**7. People start calculating the seasons.**

**8. Possess a sophisticated knowledge of Astronomy and Math:**

**A) YET,.....do not excel at construction!**

**9. Burials are now in precise positions:**

**A) Some in tombs.**

**B) Offerings are still placed with bodies.**

**C) Stone Death Masks are made:**

**I. Placed on the heads of the dead to protect and shelter them from sorcery.**

**10. Religion is the main cohesive factor of society.**

**11. Priests:**

**A) Scientific & Cultural Leaders.**

**B) Have the power to exact labor from the masses.**

**C) Have the power to collect tribute/taxes from the masses.**

## **12. Farming:**

**A) Becomes scientific.**

**B) Implements are made from:**

**I. Stone.**

**II. Horns.**

**III. Bones.**

**IV. Wood.**

**C) Use branches and soil from the lake bottoms to make “Chinampas”.....Floating Gardens.**

## **13. The Arts:**

**A) People make Ceramics.**

**B) People Sculpt.**

**C) People Paint Murals.**

**D) People make Clay Figurines and Statuettes.**

**E) Things are made from molds instead of entirely by hand.**

**F) Figurines and Statuettes are definite in identifying certain Gods!**

**G) Produce a large variety of Ceramic, Stone, and Jade Jewelry.**

**14. Gods:**

**A) Now defined.**

**B) 1<sup>st</sup> statue to a God appears:**

**I. "Hueheteotl".....Means 'Old God.'**

**C) Worship Gods of Nature:**

**I. Rain is: "Tlaloc."**

**II. Sun God.**

**III. Moon God.**

**IV. Wind God.**

**V. God of the Underworld.**

**VI. God of Fertility.**

**VII. God of Death.**

**D) NO God of War!**

**E) Supreme God is "Quetzalcoatl."**

**F) Believe that Gods sacrificed themselves so that man might exist:**

**I. Therefore.....It is man's duty to sacrifice himself so that the Gods might exist!**

**15. Believe in many creations...Each called a "Sun":**

**A) Every period is a "Sun."**

**B) The rise and fall of Teotihuacan is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sun.**

**C) Every Sun has a definite beginning and ending:**

**I. Totally contrasts with Western Man's beliefs that history is more or less a continual ascending line:**

**(1) To Western Man...History takes in the concepts of both Christianity and Evolutionary Ideas.**

## **City of Teotihuacan – Classic Period**

- 1. 200 BC – People of the area start formulating plans for a city.**
  
- 2. Priests order the construction of “mounds” to make offerings to the Gods:**
  - A) How could this even happen??**
    - I. The power of the elite Religious Priest class.**
    - II. Was believed they have a special relationship with the Gods.**
    - III. Have at their disposal...the techniques.**
    - IV. Have at their disposal...a labor force.**
    - V. Have at their disposal...the finances to feed the laborers during construction.**
  - B) The “mounds” will become larger and larger.**
  - C) In the beginning, no buildings are erected.**
  - D) Simply...2 Pyramids:**
    - I. One to the...Sun.**
    - II. One to the...Moon.**
  
- 3. The city starts to be built around the “mounds.”**
  - A) As the city is being built, Advanced Permanent Architecture evolves.**

**4. City becomes.....Teotihuacan:**

**A) Means: "Place of the Gods."**

**B) Will be the 1<sup>st</sup> true City in ancient Mexico.**

**C) Built around the Pyramids of the Sun & Moon.**

**D) Will cover 8 square miles...or...2,000 acres!**

**E) Will have a permanent population that ranges between 175,000 and 200,000 people.**

**F) Will contain 100 Palaces for Priests:**

**I. One of the Palaces has over 300 rooms!!**

**G) Has a downtown area.**

**H) Has paved walkways and courts.**

**I) Buildings are covered with lime stucco:**

**I. Are painted and polished.**

**J) The main street is called "The Avenue of the Dead":**

**I. It is 150 feet wide and 2 miles long!!**

**K) Middle of the City is the Ceremonial Area:**

**I. Covers 38 acres.**

**II. Surrounded by the residences of the Priests and their aides.**

**III. The masses live around this area.**

**5. City has a Bureacracy:**

**A) Distinct social classes of people live in different districts:**

**I. Within those Districts they live in houses that vary in their importance.**

**6. Is an Urban Civilization...NOT...a Rural one:**

**A) Outside and around the city is the Rural Population:**

**I. Their purpose is to provide food for the City.**

**7. The Pyramid of the Sun:**

**A) Has taken 10,000 men....20 years.....to build it!**

**B) Base contains 1,300,000 cubic yards of Adobe Earth.**

**C) Is 60 meters high (216 feet) and supported by stone.**

**D) 268 steps from the bottom to the top!**

**E) The entire Pyramid covers 10 acres of ground!**

**F) Has no ornaments on it.**

**G) At the top is a Temple:**

**I. Contains a huge Stone Statue:**

**(1) During the Conquest...The Stone Statue will be torn down for religious reasons!**

**8. People of the City:**

**A) Wide Foreheads.**

**B) Fine Noses.**

**C) Lightly protruding Cheekbones.**

**D) Thin, fine, Lips.**

**E) Go nude:**

**I. Only the Upper Class wears:**

**(1) Clothing.**

**(2) Sandals.**

**(3) Jewelry...Etc.**

**F) Are very adept at Painting:**

**I. Use Earth & Vegetable Dyes for red, green, and turquoise colors.**

**9. Why does the City fall???**

**A) Is large and open.**

**B) Has no fortifications for defense.**

**C) Is the head of an empire...And, thus**

**UNWISELY reasons:**

**I. Enemies would not think of attacking them!**

**D) The Ruling Priest Class becomes a VERY dominating minority.**

**E) Signs of decadence start to appear.**

**F) By 750 AD – Nomadic Tribes are appearing:**

**I. They will eventually overrun, loot, and burn the City!**

**G) By...870 AD...The City is abandoned!!**

# **City of Cholula – The Classic Period**

## **1. Holy City:**

### **A) Contains a massive Pyramid:**

**I. It is the largest, single, man-made, monument, in Indian America.**

**B) Refugees from Teotihuacan seek refuge here.**

**C) The City will also fall like Teotihuacan.**

**The  
Mayan  
Civilization  
Of  
The  
Classic  
Period**

# **Mayas – Background**

## **1. 2 distinct historical periods:**

### **A) The Classic Period:**

#### **I. 320 AD to 1000 AD:**

- (1) 500 AD...Peak of period.**
- (2) 600 AD...Culture begins to develop.**
- (3) 800 AD...Population is 3,800,000!!**

#### **II. Primary settlements:**

- (1) Tikal...Guatemala.**
- (2) Bonampak...Chiapas.**
- (3) Palenque...Chiapas.**
- (4) Tulum...Eastern Shore – Yucatan Peninsula.**

#### **III. Are highly militaristic:**

- (1) Weapons of Wood & Obsidian.**

### **B) The Post-Classical Period:**

#### **I. 1000 AD to the Conquest.**

#### **II. Primary settlements:**

- (1) Chichen Itza...Yucatan.**
- (2) Mayapan...Yucatan.**
- (3) Tulum...Yucatan.**

#### **III. The Bow & Arrow is introduced.**

## **Mayas – Areas of Rule & Control**

**1. Yucatan – Eastern Half of Chiapas – Tabasco – Campeche – Quintana Roo – Guatemala – British Honduras – Western Section of the Republic of Honduras:**

**A) 125,000 square miles:**

**I. About the size of New Mexico.**

**2. Located primarily in Yucatan:**

**A) Most important centers there are:**

**I. Mayapan.**

**II. Tulum.**

**III. Chichen Itza...Largest and most important.**

**3. In Guatemala...The largest center is Tikal:**

**A) 100,000 people.**

**B) 6 Pyramids...Tallest is 230 feet high.**

# **Mayas – Background of the People**

**1. Called “The First Civilization.”**

**2. 600 AD to 900 AD...Flourish:**

**A) One of the most complex & sophisticated of the Pre-Columbian Civilizations.**

**3. “Maya” is NOT their true name:**

**A) DON’T know what it is!**

**B) DON’T know their true language.**

**4. Are “Sea People”:**

**A) Use many canoes:**

**I. Some hold as many as 40 people.**

**B) Cruise the Gulf Coast and Caribbean for 1,000’s of miles!!**

## **Mayas – Gods & Beliefs**

### **1. Worship many Gods:**

**A) Sun...Very important.**

**B) Moon...Very important.**

**C) Rain...Very important:**

**I. Chac...Not only rain, but, also wind, lightning, thunder, fertility, and agriculture.**

**D) Creation:**

**I. Hunab Ku.**

**E) Death:**

**I. Ah Puch.**

**2. Believe that in the afterlife...You are what you have been while alive.**

**3. Believe in 13 Heavens or “Skies.”**

**4. Believe in 9 Underworlds.**

# **Mayas – Society**

**1. Highly structured Clan Society.**

**2. Societies contain Hereditary Rulers:**

**A) BUT, no Central Ruler:**

**I. THUS, no unified Empire!**

**3. Head of each City-State:**

**A) Hereditary Chief:**

**I. Advised by a Council of Chiefs, Priests, and other Important Persons.**

**II. Is the final authority over internal & external affairs.**

**III. Appoints Sub-Chiefs.**

**IV. Has a certain amount of religious authority.**

**B) Each City-State has a War Chief:**

**I. Is like a “Secretary of Defense.”**

**II. Commands a Permanent Militia.**

**4. 5 major Classes in Society:**

**A) Nobles:**

**I. Chiefs, Etc.**

**II. They get a Salary.**

**III. They collect Taxes.**

**IV. They have Counselors.**

**V. Have Executive, Legislative, & Judicial powers.**

**B) Priests:**

**I. Are Astronomers & Mathematicians.**

**II. Are responsible for Ceremonial Activities.**

**C) Merchants.**

**D) The Masses.**

**E) Slaves:**

**I. Made up of:**

**(1) Prisoners of War.**

**(2) Orphans.**

**(3) Criminals.**

**II. Are “Beasts of Burden.”**

**III. Are bought and sold.**

**IV. Is the most severe form of punishment.**

**V. Work in the Fields.**

**VI. Work on and in the Temples.**

**VII. Carry heavy loads of Water over long distances.**

## **Mayas – Basic Religion**

- 1. Everything in their life revolves around it.**
- 2. Festivals revolve around it.**
- 3. Believe in a Creator God or Supreme Deity:  
A) Hunab Ku.**
- 4. Believe in good and bad Gods.**
- 5. Their MOST IMPORTANT God is...Quetzalcoatl:  
A) “Plumed Serpent.”**
- 6. Believe that each of the 13 Heavens/ “Skies” is  
one on top of the other:  
A) Each is controlled by a particular God.**
- 7. Believe that each of the 9 Underworlds is  
controlled by a particular God:  
A) Lowest is the God of Death...Ah Puch:  
I. Is the most evil God!  
II. Is the God of death, war, & human sacrifice.**

**8. Believe they have to appease the Gods with offerings of:**

**A) Gold.**

**B) Silver.**

**C) Copper.**

**D) Jade.**

**E) Corn.**

**F) Beans.**

**G) Tortillas.**

**H) Fruit.**

**I) Tobacco.**

**J) Animals.**

**H) Humans!!**

## **Mayas – Cities & Villages**

**1. Are great Architects.**

**2. Erect Stone Pillars.**

**3. Never have a capital.**

**4. Cities are built around natural wells or cisterns:  
A) Populations average between 10,000 and  
40,000.**

**5. Most people live in small Villages:**

**A) Houses are made from sticks with clay or  
adobe covering and a thatched roof.**

## **Mayas – Physical Features of People**

- 1. Heads are flattened between 2 boards five days after birth.**
- 2. Ball of pitch is placed in the forehead hair:  
A) To purposely make the individual cross-eyed!**
- 3. Bodies are tattooed with a sharp bone rubbed in a coloring pigment:  
A) Very painful.**
- 4. Bodies are painted:  
A) Unmarried men...Black.  
B) Warriors...Red.  
C) Priests...Blue.  
D) Those to be Sacrificed...Blue.**
- 5. Colors have meaning:  
A) Black...War.  
B) Red...Blood.  
C) Blue...Sacrifice.  
D) Yellow...Food.**
- 6. Men:**

- A) 5-1 in height.**
- B) Broad Head.**
- C) Earlobes...Pierced for Pendants.**
- D) Septum of the Nose...Pierced for Pendant.**
- E) Left Nostril...Pierced for Pendant.**
- F) Hair:**
  - I. Braided down the back.**
  - II. Obsidian Mirror in it.**
- G) Hair...On top of the Head:**
  - I. Flat or singed close to the scalp.**

## **7. Women:**

- A) 4-8 in height.**
- B) Some piercings.**
- C) Hair is worn in braids.**
- D) Tattooed Bodies.**
- E) Teeth filed to a point.**
- F) Bathe very often.**
- G) Paint faces...Red.**
- H) Use Perfume.**
- I) Go barefooted.**
- J) Wear a "Chemise-Type" Dress.**

## **Mayas – Society**

**1. Have a highly developed culture.**

**2. Have very structured societies.**

**3. Very militaristic society.**

**4. Are a people of:**

**A) Wit.**

**B) Passion.**

**C) Interest.**

## **Mayas – Agriculture**

**1. Most of the people are engaged in Agriculture.**

**2. Most cultivate Corn.**

**3. Maize (Corn) is the primary crop.**

**4. Beans are the most “valued” crop:**

**A) Are used for money.**

**5. Primary crops grown:**

**A) Maize (Corn).**

**B) Beans.**

**C) Cacao Beans.**

**D) Calibashes.**

**E) Sweet Potatoes.**

**F) Tomatoes.**

**G) Manioc.**

**H) Peppers.**

**I) Spices.**

**J) Squash.**

**K) Pumpkins.**

**L) Papaya.**

**M) Avocados.**

**N) Mulberries.**

**O) Melons.**

**P) Vanilla.**

**Q) Chicle.**

**R) Cotton.**

**6. Make "Sisal" Fiber:**

**A) From Cactus.**

**B) Used to make ropes and other materials.**

**7. Hunting:**

**A) Use Hounds.**

**B) Hunt:**

**I. Birds.**

**II. Rabbits.**

**III. Turtles.**

**IV. Deer.**

**V. Iguanas.**

**VI. Peccary (Like a Javelina "Hog").**

**8. Fish.**

**9. Domesticate:**

**A) Turkeys.**

**B) Dog (Fat, Hairless, NO Bark).**

**10. Develop a Stingless Bee:**

**A) Honey is used for:**

**I. Food.**

**II. Alcoholic Drink.**

## **Mayas – Daily Life**

**1. Have to feed their families, AND, the Priests and Nobles as well:**

**A) This form of Tribute takes a heavy toll!**

**2. Morning:**

**A) 3:30 – Meal is prepared:**

**I. “Pozole” (Maize Water), Beans, and Tortillas.**

**II. Sometimes the meal is “Atole”...Liquid paste of ground corn meal.**

**B) 4:30 – Up and Eat.**

**3. Men go to hunt or work in the fields.**

**4. Women prepare food.**

**5. Lunch:**

**A) Balls of Maize Dough full of Chili Peppers.**

**6. 1 hour before Sunset...Main Meal:**

**A) Beans – Tortillas – Eggs – A Little Meat – Vegetables – And, Chocolate.**

**7. Men then bathe in hollowed out logs.**

**8. 8:30 – Evening – Light Meal.**

# **Mayas – Marriage, Family, Divorce, Etc.**

## **1. Marriage:**

**A) Men @ 18 – Women @ 14:**

**I. Sometimes arranged.**

## **2. Family:**

**A) 7 to 9 children:**

**I. Only half will survive infancy.**

## **3. Divorce is common:**

**A) Men are allowed to divorce if a woman could not have children.**

**4. A Widowed Man was not allowed to remarry for 1 year after his wife's death.**

## **5. Adultery is common:**

**A) For any action to be taken...Have to catch the two in the act:**

**I. If a man catches his wife:**

**(1) Has the choice of Life or Death over her!**

**a. If death...Her head is crushed with a rock!!**

**6. Prostitution:**

**A) Recognized as a Profession:**

**I. Payment for services is in Cacao Beans.**

## **Mayas – Language**

- 1. Speak more than 15 different dialects:**
  - A) Many Mayas will not even understand languages of other Mayas.**

# **Mayas – Arts & Products**

**1. Weave Cloth.**

**2. Make Feathered Mosaics.**

**3. Make:**

**A) Mats.**

**B) Baskets.**

**C) Pottery.**

**D) Ropes:**

**I. Made from Hemp.**

**E) Sandals:**

**I. Made from Hemp.**

**F) Twine:**

**I. Made from Hemp.**

**G) Bow Strings:**

**I. Made from Hemp.**

**H) Fishing Lines:**

**I. Made from Hemp.**

**4. Obsidian...Used to make:**

**A) Mirrors.**

**B) Razors.**

**C) Knives.**

**5. Good at Ceramics:**

**A) Jewelry is made from Jade & Obsidian.**

**6. Paint Frescoes & Murals.**

**7. Make Paper.**

**8. Good at Mathematics:**

**A) Can measure time in minutes and hours.**

**9. Develop a form of Hieroglyphic Writing:**

**A) Write in a Chronology.**

**B) Spanish will destroy almost all of their  
Codices and Books:**

**I. Thus...We have no key to translate them!!**

# **Mayas – Astronomy**

## **1. Were notable Astronomers:**

**A) Chart the movements of the Moon and some Planets.**

**B) Develop a Solar calendar:**

**I. Has 18 months...20 days per month:**

**(1) Plus...The 5 “Unlucky Days of Uayeb.”**

**a. Total days in the year...365!!!**

## **Mayas – Taxes**

**1. Paid to the “Batab”...Tax Collector.**

**2. Paid in the form of crops or services.**

**3. Some are exempt from paying:**

**A) Nobles.**

**B) Priests.**

**C) Civic Officials.**

**D) Military Officials.**

**E) Artists.**

# **Mayas – Laws, Crimes, & Punishment**

## **1. Fines:**

### **A) Paid in:**

- I. Cacao Beans.**
- II. Cotton.**
- III. Slave Labor.**

## **2. Thieves:**

### **A) Fined or Tattooed.**

## **3. Adultery...COULD be death!**

## **4. Murder...Death.**

## **5. If a Nobleman commits Adultery:**

### **A) Held down:**

- I. Navel cut open.**
- II. Intestines are slowly pulled out until he dies!!**

## **Mayas – Warfare**

- 1. Same type, same reasons as the Aztecs...Later!**
- 2. Same weapons and protective clothing as the Aztecs...Later!**
- 3. Use the “Atl Atl”.....Spear Thrower.**

# **Mayas – Illnesses & Disease**

## **1. Suffer from:**

- A) Asthma.**
- B) Rheumatism.**
- C) Stomach Worms.**
- D) Malaria.**
- E) Yellow Fever.**
- F) Jaundice.**
- G) Diarrhea.**
- H) Dysentery.**
- I) Skin Diseases.**
- J) Tumors.**
- K) Cancer.**
- L) Pneumonia:**
  - I. Usually fatal!**

## **Mayas – The Dead**

**1. Buried or Cremated.**

**2. Objects are placed in graves.**

## **Mayas – Violence**

**1. Are a violent people:**

**A) Practice sacrifice.**

**B) At times, practice cannibalism:**

**I. To demonstrate supremacy over a conquered enemy.**

**II. To gain the conquered enemy's strength.**

## **Mayas – Sacrifice**

**1. Could be the drawing of blood from:**

- A) Ears.**
- B) Cheeks.**
- C) Lower Lip.**
- D) Tongue.**
- E) Genitals.**

**\*\*\*\*\*The Blood...Sprinkled on Idols representing Gods.**

**2. Could be the taking of lives:**

- A) Flaying to Death...Whipping.**
- B) Heart Removal.**
- C) Bow & Arrow.**
- D) Drownings:**

**I. In “Cenotes”.....Sacrificial Wells:**

**(1) Most of the people are NOT young Virgins as believed!**

**II. Cenote at Chichen Itza was 200 feet across.**

**III. Objects are thrown in the Wells:**

**(1) Most is.....Jewelry.**

# **Mayas – The End of the Civilization**

**1. Why does the period and the Mayan Civilization end??**

**A) Mystery!!!**

**2. Was it:**

**A) Lack of food?**

**B) Famine?**

**C) Earthquakes?**

**D) Invaders?**

**E) Masses revolting against the Nobility?**

**F) Aggressive Nomadic Tribes?**

**G) Crop Failures?**

**H) Soil Exhaustion?**

**I) Plagues?**

**J) Wars?**

**3. Theory:**

**A) Religion takes so much in Taxes & Sacrifice:**

**I. People revolt!**

**II. Overthrow Priest Class...Civilization dies!**

## **900 AD to 1521 – The Post-Classic Period**

### **1. Significance of the year 900 AD in Mexico:**

- A) Written Documents we possess do not go back before this date!**
- B) Marks the difference between Pre-Historical and Historical Mexico!**
- C) Militaristic Societies start appearing!**
- D) Prizes of War are no longer Territories:
  - I. Is...Tribute...Taxes/People.****
- E) Religion is “cheapened.”**
- F) Gods that appear demand large amounts of the “Divine Liquid”.....Blood!!!**

**The  
Toltecs  
Of The  
Post  
Classic  
Period**

## **Toltecs – Background**

- 1. Will follow the fall of Teotihuacan into the Valley of Mexico.**
- 2. Are part of a group called “Chichimeca”:  
A) Means: “Line of Dogs.”**
- 3. Are from Southern Zacatecas.**
- 4. Are a brutal, barbaric, horde!!**
- 5. Pre-History contains a lot of myth.**
- 6. We know very little about them before their arrival in the Valley!!**
- 7. They believe in 4 previous “Suns” or creations:  
A) 1<sup>st</sup> Sun:  
I. People were crude giants.  
II. People did not possess the divine crop,  
Corn!  
B) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun:  
I. People were of unusual dimensions.**

**II. People ate bread made from Mesquite Plants.**

**C) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun:**

**I. People learn how to sow crops.**

**II. BUT, still do not possess the divine crop, Corn!**

**D) 4<sup>th</sup> Sun:**

**I. Man is now perfect.**

**II. Man possesses the divine crop, Corn!**

**8. Toltecs enter the Valley of Mexico...Led by Chief Mixcoatl – “Cloud Serpent”:**

**A) He is Mexico’s “Ghengis Khan.”**

**B) Conquers the Valley.**

**C) Conquers surrounding regions.**

**D) Establishes Culhuacan as their 1<sup>st</sup> Capital.**

**9. Their largest center becomes Tula.**

## **Toltecs – Metal**

**1. Make the 1<sup>st</sup> use of Metal in the Valley of Mexico:**

**A) Most often used for Luxury rather than Practical Purposes.**

**B) Copper used for:**

**I. Needles.**

**II. Pliers.**

**III. Awls.**

**IV. Hatchets.**

**V. Cutting Edges of Farm Tools.**

**C) Become advanced Metallurgists:**

**I. Fusing metals together:**

**(1) In Jewelry:**

**a. Found – Piece of Gold & Silver – Fused together so perfectly – Don't know to this day how it was done!!!**

**D) Become great Silversmiths.**

# **Toltecs – Great Vocations & Innovations**

## **1. Great Architects:**

**A) Most buildings are made from hewn stones:**

**I. Done by Stonemasons.**

**B) Almost all buildings have a bath.**

## **2. Great Carpenters.**

## **3. Great Spinners of Cotton:**

**A) Women are excellent at making:**

**I. Cotton.**

**II. Velvet.**

**III. Linen.**

**IV. Satin.**

## **4. Introduce strong Political Organization:**

**A) Consider certain people to be Artists:**

**I. Orators.**

**II. Philosophers.**

**III. Poets.**

**IV. Astrologers.**

**V. Witches.**

**VI. Spell Casters.**

**5. Introduce regular Tribute (Tax) Collection.**

**6. Introduce a Warrior Class into Society:**

**A) They dress in quilted “Cotton Armor.”**

**7. Introduce a War God...Tezcatlipoca:**

**A) Means: “Smoking Mirror” or “Shining Smoke”:**

**I. He is invisible!**

**II. He is unpredictable!**

**III. He is feared!**

**IV. Will be the God of War to all people who follow the Toltecs!**

**V. Becomes the most important God in the Valley of Mexico!**

**VI. He demands Human Sacrifice!**

**B) He resents the God...Quetzalcoatl (More later).**

# **Toltecs – Priests & Sacrifice**

## **1. Priests:**

**A) Distinguished by the wearing of:**

**I. Filthy, unwashed, black tunics:**

**(1) Stained black by the dried blood of  
sacrificial victims!**

## **2. God of Vegetation is... “Xipe Totec”:**

**A) Means: “Our Lord, the Flayed (Skinned) One.”**

**B) Victims are sacrificed...Then Flayed:**

**I. Skin is worn by the Priests.**

## **3. Sacrifice is a Fertility Ceremony:**

**A) Between man and the earth.**

**B) It returns life to the earth.**

**C) Example:**

**I. Victim tied to an upright rack.**

**II. Chest, above the Heart, is painted white.**

**III. Warriors dance around him shooting him  
with arrows.**

**IV. Blood drips to the ground, thus, fertilizing  
the Earth!**

# **Toltecs – Quetzalcoatl – God & Man**

## **1. The name:**

- A) Quetzal...Is a beautiful feathered bird:
  - I. Can still be found in the jungles of Guatemala.****
- B) Coatl...Serpent.**
- C) Thus..... “Plumed Serpent” or “Feathered Serpent.”**

## **2. The God:**

- A) Is the God of all Good Things from which Man benefits:
  - I. Does not demand human sacrifice!**
  - II. Does not condone human sacrifice!**
  - III. 770 AD – Temple is built in his honor!****
- B) Constant struggle between him and Tezcatlipoca!!
  - I. Will last right up to the Conquest!****

## **3. The Man.....Source is Legend:**

- A) Campaign in Morelos – Leader, Mixcoatl – Makes love to a young woman named, Chimalman:
  - I. In the year 947 AD – Ce Acatl – “One Reed.”****

- II. She gives birth to a male child.**
- III. She dies in childbirth.**
- B) Mixcoatl is assassinated by his brother.**
- C) Boy is raised by his maternal grandparents.**
- D) Boy is named: “Ce Acatl Topiltzin”... “Our Prince.”**
- E) Later...Quetzalcoatl is added to the name:
  - I. in honor of the God...Quetzalcoatl.****
- F) 967 AD – In accordance with the custom:
  - I. He becomes a High Priest of the God of the same name.****
- G) He is called upon to occupy his Father’s throne:
  - I. In hand-to-hand combat.....Kills his Uncle..... His Father’s slayer!!**
  - II. Buries his Father’s remains on the Hill of the Star.****
- H) 968 AD – Becomes Chief of the Toltecs:
  - I. Settles in Tula...60 miles North of Mexico City.**
  - II. He makes it the Toltec capital.****
- I) He rules for 19 years:
  - I. Great Builder.**
  - II. Becomes known as: “The Father of Agriculture.”****

**III. Invents a ritual Calendar.**

**IV. Becomes known as the inventor of all good things from which man benefits.**

**V. He is opposed to Human Sacrifice:**

**(1) Several tribes will not adopt his religion of non-human sacrifice.**

**(2) They are followers of the God, Tezcatlipoca.**

**(3) Priests of these tribes start plotting against Quetzalcoatl!**

**VI. Has unequaled prestige in the eyes of his people.**

**J) He is light-skinned & bearded:**

**I. Very intelligent.**

**K) Delegation of Priests visit him:**

**I. Show him his reflection in an obsidian mirror.**

**II. He believes he is seeing his own soul.**

**III. He believes Tezcatlipoca is responsible.**

**IV. Becomes sick!**

**V. Priests give him "medicine":**

**(1) Is really...Pulque!**

**VI. Gets drunk:**

**(1) Sin for a High Priest!**

**VII. While drunk...Commits incest...Has sex with his sister:**

**(1) Another sin!**

**L) 987 AD – Banishes himself from Tula!!!**

**M) With a faithful group of followers...Travels the Central Valley:**

**I. Leaves a trail of arrows through trees for any who wished to follow him:**

**(1) Those arrows thru trees resemble..... Crosses!**

**N) Arrives in Cholula.....Now, Puebla.**

**O) Lives in self-imposed exile.**

**P) Designs a water-craft with sails made from Feathers:**

**I. Resembles a.....Plumed Serpent!**

**Q) Promises to return in the year...Ce Acatl – From the East – AND, will reclaim his rightful throne:**

**I. Sets sail!**

**II. His promises will be remembered!!**

**R) Sails to Yucatan:**

**I. Becomes known as “Kulkulcan.”**

**II. The architecture of Chichen Itza, without a doubt, show his influence!**

**III. The city is a mirror image of.....Tula!**

**S) 30 years later – Suicide:**

**I. Self-made funeral fire.**

**4. 500 years later...Precisely in the year “Ce Acatl”  
...From the East...Ships with billowing sails like  
the “Plumed Serpent”...Leader with light skin &  
a beard.....arrives!!!**

**A) Hernan Cortes!!**

**B) Men with him carrying crosses!**

**5. Moctzuma II of the Aztecs:**

**A) Convinced...It is Quetzalcoatl:**

**I. Coming back to reclaim his rightful throne!**

**II. To struggle is pre-ordained as useless!!**

# **Toltecs – End of the Empire**

## **1. The Kings who follow Quetzalcoatl:**

**A) Are of little distinction!**

## **2. Huemac:**

**A) Last King to rule Tula.**

**B) Rules for 70 years.**

**C) Rule is hit by a series of Drought & Hunger!**

**D) Nomadic Tribes from the North enter the Valley of Mexico!**

**E) The Toltec people start adopting the Gods of these tribes!**

## **3. 1156 AD – From the North – The Chichimecs invade the Valley of Mexico:**

**A) Destroy Tula.**

**B) 1158 AD – Huemac flees:**

**I. Takes refuge at Chapultepec...Today, a Park in Mexico City.**

**C) 1174 AD – Huemac commits suicide:**

**I. The Toltec Empire is dead!!**

## **Chichimecs – Post Classic Period**

**1. “Chichimec” means...“Line of Dogs”:**

**A) The Dog is the top figure on the Totem Pole.**

**2. Are not a specific tribe:**

**A) Are an aggregate of different groups:**

**I. ALL have one common trait:**

**(1) Are Semi-Nomadic.**

**B) One of these groups...The Aztecs.**

**3. 1224 AD – Complete their conquest of the Valley of Mexico:**

**A) Introduce a revolutionary new weapon...the Bow & Arrow.**

**4. 1244 AD - Chief Xolotl – “Monster” – Leads the tribes into the Valley of Mexico:**

**A) Establish their capital at Tenayuca.**

**5. 1246 AD – Chief Xolotl – Conquers the city of Culhuacan.**

**6. He will rule up to 1304 AD:**

**A) Regular dwellings are built.**

**B) People start wearing woven cloth garments instead of animal skins.**

**C) People start cooking their meat instead of eating it raw.**

**D) Corn is used more than ever.**

**7. King Quinatzin moves the capital to Texcoco:**

**A) Nahuatl becomes the official language of the Valley.**

## **Zapotecs – Post Classic Period**

**1. Come from the North – Settle in the Valley of Oaxaca:**

**A) Are the original builders of Monte Alban:**

**I. City...15 square miles in size.**

**B) Develop a 365 day year.**

**C) Develop a writing system.**

**D) Work a lot with Jade.**

**E) Very good weavers.**

## **Mixtecs – Post Classic Period**

### **1. Settle in the Northeastern portion of Oaxaca:**

**A) Develop a 365 day calendar.**

**B) Great metal workers:**

**I. Could solder gold & silver.**

**C) Work a lot with:**

**I. Jade.**

**II. Bone.**

**III. Obsidian.**

## **Tepanecs – Post Classic Period**

- 1. Come from the Valley of Toluca.**
- 2. 1230 AD – Start their conquest of the Valley of Mexico:**
  - A) Establish their capital at Azcapotzalco:**
    - I. Today...A section Northeast of Mexico City.**
- 3. 1363 AD – Tezozomoc becomes Ruler:**
  - A) Tyrant – Deceitful!**
  - B) Conquers:**
    - I. Culhuacan.**
    - II. Xaltocan.**
    - III. Tenayuca.**
    - IV. Xochimilco.**
    - V. Cuernavaca.**
  - C) Reign is marked by a series of wars.**
  - D) 1426...He dies at the age of 106!!!!!!**
- 4. Civil War between the 2 sons:**
  - A) Maxtla & Chimalpopoca.**
  - B) Maxtla wins:**
    - I. Has his 22 year old brother and all of his followers hanged!**

**5. The Tepanec Empire has only 2 years to live!**

## **Tarascons – Post Classic Period**

**1. Settle in what is today:**

- A) Michoacan.**
- B) Parts of Jalisco.**
- C) Parts of Guanajuato.**
- D) Parts of Nayarit.**
- E) Parts of Colima.**
- F) Parts of Guerrero.**

**2. Are Agricultural.....Also, fish a lot.**

**3. Work communally.**

**4. Skilled at:**

- A) Pottery.**
- B) Working with Gold.**
- C) Weaving.**
- D) Working with Feathers.**

**5. Divide the year into 4 parts:**

- A) Measure time in Lunar Months.**
- B) Their year is filled with religious ceremonies.**

**6. 1479 – 24,000 Aztecs invade Michoacan:**

- A) Tarascans defeat them.**
- B) Kill or capture 20,000.**
- C) After this...Aztecs leave them alone!**

**The  
Aztecs  
Of The  
Post  
Classic  
Period**

## **Aztecs – Background**

- 1. Originally...From an area the Aztecs called: “The Region of the 7 Caves.”**
- 2. Originally...Call themselves “Tenochas”...NOT Aztecs!**
  - A) Will later call themselves “Mexica.”**
- 3. Led by 4 Chieftan Priests:**
  - A) Priests have been told by their Gods to look for a sign:**
    - I. At that place they will build their great city.**
- 4. Wander...Migrate South to “Aztlan”:**
  - A) “Land of the Heron” - “Land of the Crane” – “Place of Whiteness”:**
    - I. Today we believe that area to be an Island off the coast of Nayarit.**
- 5. 1168 AD – From the Northwest – Enter the Valley of Mexico in the Lake Regions:**
  - A) Are NOT warmly accepted by the tribes already there.**
  - B) Are looked upon as unwelcome “squatters.”**

- C) Are very rude, crude, and uncouth!**
- D) Are NOT liked by the Agricultural People of the Valley.**
- E) Become known for stealing their wives from other tribes:
  - I. Are hated for this.****
- F) Are barbaric!**
- G) Eat raw meat!**
- H) Live in caves!**
- I) Wear animal skins!**
- J) Practice Human Sacrifice:
  - I. Flay their sacrificial victims and wear the skins while dancing.**
  - II. People of the Valley don't like this!****
- K) Support themselves by hiring out as Mercenaries to the Tepanecs:
  - I. This "hiring out" will always bring them back to the Lake areas.****

- 6. Have brought with them...Their primary God... Huitzilopochtli...God of the Sun & War:**
- A) "Hummingbird of the South."**
  - B) Priests claim he has told them they are the "chosen people."**
  - C) Priests claim he has told them to wander:**

**\*\*Until they see “The Sign”!!!**

**I. Until they spot an Island.**

**II. Island will be in a Lake.**

**III. On the Island will be a cactus plant.**

**IV. Perched on the cactus plant will be an Eagle.**

**V. The Eagle will be holding a snake in it’s mouth!**

**D) We KNOW this “sign” is all Aztec Myth!**

**E) We KNOW the story is manufactured by Aztec Chroniclers!**

**F) Consider themselves to be “The Chosen People of the Sun”:**

**I. Believe they are destined by Huitzilpochtli to become Masters of the World!!**

**II. Believe they are here to fulfill his will by offering him human blood thru sacrifice!**

## **Aztecs – 1275 AD thru 1325 AD**

- 1. 1275 AD – Tepanec Chief, Tezozomoc...Gives the tribe, of about 1,000...Permission:**
  - A) To settle on Chapultepec Hill:**
    - I. “Grasshopper Hill.”**
      - (1) Today...A Park in Mexico City.**
- 2. Other tribes start calling them...Aztecs.**
- 3. 1319 AD – The Aztecs sacrifice a Chief & his Daughter:**
  - A) Aztecs are attacked and driven away!**
  - B) Survivors hide in the areas around the Lake.**
  - C) Will re-establish themselves.**
- 4. Chief Coxcox... “Pheasant”...Of Culhuacan:**
  - A) Gives the Aztecs a barren, rattlesnake infested, piece of land to live on!!!**
    - I. Aztecs survive by eating snakes!**
  - B) They join Chief Coxcox and fight against Xochimilco:**
    - I. In return, the Chief gives them their freedom.**
  - C) The Aztecs ask the Chief for one of his Daughters to make into a Princess:**

- I. He foolishly does so!!!!!!!**
- D) The Chief is invited to one of the Aztec ceremonies:**
  - I. Attends.**
  - II. Priest dances...Wearing the skin of his Daughter!!**
    - (1) Aztecs have sacrificed and flayed her!**
- E) Chief sends an army to wipe out the Aztecs:**
  - I. They scatter again.**
  - II. Again...They wander around the Lake region.**

**5. Morning – June – 1325 AD – 2 miles out in Lake Texcoco:**

- A) “The Sign”!!!**
- B) They start building up the Island.**
- C) Use “Islotas”:**
  - I. Mats loaded with earth...Sunk...One on top of the other.**

**6. The city the Aztecs will build on this “man-made” Island will be...Tenochtitlan:**

- A) Named after the cactus...Tenochtli.**
- B) City name means.... “Place of the Rocks and Cactus.”**
- C) Later becomes.....Mexico City!**

## **Aztecs – 1325 AD thru 1425 AD**

- 1. For basically 100 years...A parasitic state:**
  - A) Support themselves solely by hiring out as Mercenaries to fight for one tribe against another!**
  - B) Fight for the Tepanecs.**
  - C) Become stronger than the Tepanecs.**
  - D) Tepanecs come to depend upon the Aztecs:
    - I. Aztecs start charging them tribute for protection.****
  
- 2. 1376 AD – Acamapichtli – Becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> Aztec King.**

## **Aztecs – 1426 to 1502**

### **1. 1426 – Itzcoatl – Becomes King:**

- A) Name means: “Obsidian Snake.”**
- B) Starts acquiring land.**
- C) Collects tribute payments.**
- D) Creates a strong Military Aristocracy:**
  - I. Totally loyal to Tenochtitlan.**
- E) 1433 – He conquers Azcapotzalco:**
  - I. Makes the Aztecs independent.**
  - II. Ends the Tepanec Empire.**
- F) 1440 – Dies a natural death.**

### **2. 1440 – Moctezuma I – Becomes head of the Aztec Empire:**

- A) Nephew of Itzcoatl.**
- B) Will rule until 1469...29 years.**
- C) Expands the empire to the South and Northeast.**
- D) 1450 – He conquers the Mixtecs:**
  - I. The “spoils” of this war are divided between:**
    - (1) Tenochtitlan.**
    - (2) Texcoco.**
    - (3) Tacuba.**
- E) He conquers the Totonacs.**

- F) He will consolidate(bring together) the Aztec Empire.**
- G) He will be known as a Great Builder.**
- H) He will create Botanical Gardens.**
- I) He will invent...NOTHING!**
- J) All known law is put into a uniform code.**
- K) Records of previous ages are stored in a Library.**
- L) Aqueduct from Chapultepec is completed:
  - I. To bring water to Tenochtitlan.****
- M) 10 miles of Flood Dikes on Lake Texcoco are completed.**
- N) Will attempt to conquer the Coastal Lands.**
- O) Will start the practice of calling upon conquered tribes for:
  - I. Sacrificial Victims!****
- P) A war with Tlaxcala will start:
  - I. Will last for 4 generations...Up to the Conquest!****
- Q) 1450 to 1454.....4 years of drought and starvation!!
  - I. Leads to.....The Flower War:
    - (1) Agreement between 2 states.**
    - (2) Fight a war for prisoners to sacrifice to the Gods to end the famine!******

**(3) Both sides agree on the date, time, and place.**

**(4) For 4 years...Thousands of prisoners are sacrificed!**

**R) When the famine ends...The Priests claim:**

**I. The sacrifices have worked!**

**II. BUT,...What has really happened?**

**(1) HAVE appeased the Gods!**

**(2) HAVE eliminated a lot of “mouths to feed”!!**

**(3) Starts a steady diet of human hearts to the Gods that will go on for years!**

**3. 1468...Moctezuma I...Dies...Leaves no sons behind!**

**4. 1469 – Axayacatl – Becomes Ruler of the Aztecs:**

**A) Rules until 1481.....12 years.**

**5. 1481 – Tizoc – Becomes Ruler of the Aztecs:**

**A) Will rule for 5 years – Until 1486.**

**B) Brother of Axayacatl.**

**C) Name means: “Bloodstained Leg.”**

**D) Starts a war with the Tarascans:**

- I. Is still going on at the time of the Conquest!**
- E) Because he cannot win a war:**
  - I. 1486...Poisoned to death!**

**6. 1486 to 1502.....16 years.....The Ruler of the Aztecs is Ahuitzotl:**

**A) Name means: "Water Dog."**

**B) Very aggressive!**

**C) Fiercest of all the Aztec Rulers!**

**D) At his coronation:**

**I. 12,000 prisoners are sacrificed!**

**E) Conquers Oaxaca.**

**F) Raises tribute payments to Tenochtitlan.**

**G) Completes 3 Pyramids:**

**I. Huitzilipochtli.....God of the Sun.**

**II. Tezcatlipoca.....God of War.**

**III. Tlaloc.....God of Rain.**

**H) 1487 – Dedication of the Pyramid to**

**Huitzilipochtli.....Supposedly....Over a 4 day period:**

**I. 4 lines of prisoners....Each line is 3 miles long.**

**II. 20,000 are sacrificed!**

**III. Blood & Bodies bring on disease.**

**IV. City has to be evacuated.**

**\*\*\*\*Historians believe the figure is too high!**

**I) 1502 – Fleeing a flood:**

**I. Accident.**

**II. Hits his head on some stones...Drowns!**

## **Aztecs – 1502 – Moctezuma II**

**1. July 3, 1502 – Moctezuma II – Coronated as Ruler of the Aztecs:**

**A) 22 years old.**

**B) Son of...Axayactl.**

**C) Grandson of...Moctezuma I.**

**D) Nephew of...Ahuitzotl.**

**E) Will rule until 1519.....17 years.**

**F) Name means: “Archer of the Heavens.”**

**G) Rules over:**

**I. State of Mexico.**

**II. Morelos.**

**III. Puebla.**

**IV. Hidalgo.**

**V. Most of Veracruz.**

**VI. Much of Oaxaca.**

**VII. Much of Guerrero.**

**VIII. Coast of Chiapas.**

**\*\*\*\*\*An area the size of Italy.**

**H) Many sacrifices at his coronation.**

**I) Physically:**

**I. Slender.**

**II. Well-proportioned.**

**III. Light skinned.**

**IV. Shiny black hair...Hangs to his shoulders.**

**V. Thin chin-beard.**

**VI. Is very neat and clean.**

**J) Is a student of theology.**

**K) Is very profound in Religious matters.**

**L) Is a mystic.**

**M) Is very superstitious.**

**N) Is very sensitive.**

**O) Eats very little.**

**P) Very successful.**

**Q) Very courageous.**

**R) Can be cruel at times.**

**S) Has 1,000 wives.**

**T) Very Aristocratic:**

**I. Sets himself up as a "God/King."**

**II. Is addressed as: "Lord, my Lord, my great Lord."**

**III. Come before him with eyes lowered.**

**IV. Not allowed to look upon him without permission.**

**V. Not allowed to turn your back on him.**

**VI. Not allowed to touch him.**

**VII. 3,000 servants in his Palace.**

**VIII. Choice of 100 different dishes daily.**

**IX. Fresh Fish from the Ocean is brought to him daily.**

**U) Reign is marked by wars and rebellions:**

**I. He leads the Aztec Armies to 43 victories.**

**V) Bad omens during his coronation and reign:**

**I. Plague of Locusts.**

**II. Floods.**

**III. Earthquakes.**

**IV. Drought.**

**V. Sighting of a Comet.**

**VI. Accidental burning of a Temple.**

**VII. Snow in the Valley of Mexico.**

**\*\*\*\*\*He views all of this as signs of his downfall!**

**W) In 1519...He will be 40 years old.**

## **Aztecs – Rise to Power**

**1. Have taken advantage of the instability of other tribes and conquered them!!**

**A) They have “borrowed” from other tribes to accomplish this:**

**I. From the Toltecs...Civilization & Tradition.**

**II. From the Chichimecs...Armed Force & New Weapons.**

## **Aztecs – Empire**

- 1. Require conquered cities to provide warriors & slaves.**
  
- 2. Empire is extended to provide:**
  - A) Necessities.**
  - B) Raw Materials.**
  - C) Consumer Goods.**
  
- 3. In reality it is:**
  - A) It is a loose coalition of City/States:**
    - I. Required to pay tribute(Taxes) to Tenochtitlan.**
  
- 4. Will NEVER have political or architectural unity!**
  
- 5. Held together by Armies that control the subject City/States.**

## **Aztecs – Men(Physically)**

**1. Average height...5-1 to 5-5.**

**2. From birth:**

**A) Internally prepared for war or sacrifice:**

**I. Little to lose...Life is far from comfortable:**

**(1) Sometimes are forced to get necessities  
of life from their neighbors:**

**a. By trade or force!!**

## **Aztecs – Women(Physically)**

- 1. Average height.....4-8.**
- 2. Dark to Light Brown in skin coloration.**
- 3. Broad head.**
- 4. “Roman” type nose.**
- 5. Muscular.**
- 6. Can own property.**
- 7. Can go to councils for justice.**
- 8. Can obtain a divorce for cruelty.**

## **Aztecs – Marriage**

### **1. Ages:**

**A) Men...Early 20's.**

**B) Women...16, 17, 18.**

### **2. Husband is not allowed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> sexual partner of the bride:**

#### **A) Done by:**

**I. Father.**

**II. Uncle.**

**III. Brother.**

### **3. Husband can divorce wife if she cannot have children.**

## **Aztecs – Children**

**1. Strict discipline in the household.**

**2. Taught manners and daily chores.**

**3. At age 8 are legally responsible!!**

**4. Punishments:**

**A) Whippings.**

**B) Scratching with thorns.**

**C) Forced to inhale smoke of a fire with chili peppers in it!!**

## **Aztecs – Rule & Rulers**

- 1. NEVER an Empire ruled by Hereditary Succession!**
  
- 2. Kings are chosen from the Royal Family:**
  - A) It is usually a very large group.**
  - B) Are not picked on an order of inheritance.**
  - C) Ruler can be a Brother, Son, Nephew, Etc.**
  - D) In reality they are “Chosen or Elected Speakers.”**
  - E) Are expected to set an almost perfect example.**
  - F) Are to maintain the dignity of the Throne.**
  - G) Are expected to lead Warriors into Battle.**
  - H) King has 1 legitimate wife:**
    - I. BUT, is allowed countless others!**
    - II. The wives are respected.**
    - III. Their views are listened to in court.**
  
- 3. Moctezuma...1,000 wives:**
  - A) At one time 150 of them are pregnant at the same time!!!**
  
- 4. Rule from top to bottom:**

- A) King.**
- B) Chiefs.**
- C) Tribes.**
- D) Extended Family.**
- E) Family.**

## **Aztecs – Nobles & Nobility**

### **1. Nobles are comprised of:**

- A) High Priests.**
- B) Prominent Military Officers.**
- C) Government Leaders.**

### **2. Nobility is NOT an inherited right:**

- A) Have to distinguish yourself to hold the privilege of Aristocracy.**

### **3. Nobles are provided with the finest of everything:**

- A) Clothes.**
- B) Houses.**
- C) Foods.**
- D) Servants.**
- E) Etc.**

## **Aztecs – High Priests**

**1. Empire contains...MANY!!!**

**A) 5,000 just for the main temple in Tenochtitlan.**

**2. Young males and females(Priestesses)are  
picked and sent to Monestary Schools.**

**3. Age 21 – Enter Priesthood:**

**A) Are expected to lead exemplary lives.**

**B) Long hours of Prayer.**

**C) Much Fasting.**

**D) Much Penance:**

**I. Blood drawn with a thorn from the ears,  
tongue, or penis.**

**E) Religious Duties.**

**F) HAVE to possess a “specialty”:**

**I. Music.**

**II. Painting.**

**III. Teaching.**

**IV. Dancing.**

**V. Assisting at Sacrifices.**

**G) Are the guardians of morality.**

# **Aztecs – Society**

**1. Religious & Mystical.**

**2. Majority are Peasants or Soldiers.**

**3. Most are...Commoners:**

**A) Farmers.**

**B) Laborers.**

**C) Minor Craftsmen.**

**D) Servants.**

**E) Vendors.**

**4. Commoners live in areas later called “Barrios”  
by the Spanish.**

**5. Have Classes of Society:**

**A) Believe that whatever you are in this life, you  
will be in the afterlife!**

**I. Priests.**

**II. Teachers.**

**III. Warriors.**

**IV. Laborers.**

**V. Slaves.**

## **6. In theory:**

**A) Any man in Society can become a member of the Aristocracy through:**

**I. Worthy & Exceptional Service to the Community.**

**B) By this method of upward mobility thru performance:**

**I. Remain flexible and vigerous.**

## **7. Upper Class:**

**A) Priests.**

**B) Artists.**

**C) Warriors.**

## **8. Warriors:**

**A) All able-bodied men.**

**B) Distinguishing oneself in battle could lead to Nobility!**

**C) To become a Warrior...Have to take a prisoner!**

**D) Dress in brine, soaked, quilted, cotton, "armor", tunics:**

**I. Carry shields.**

## **9. Priests:**

- A) Dress in black robes with hoods.**
- B) Hair is matted with dried blood from daily sacrifices.**

**10. Laborers... “Mayeques”...Rent out their services to the upper class:**

- A) Work in the fields.**
- B) Work for wages.**
- C) Are considered socially and economically inferior to those above them.**

**11. Slaves:**

- A) Bottom of the socioeconomic scale.**
- B) If captured in war...Can be sacrificed!**
- C) Have certain rights.**
- D) Slavery is NOT passed from parent to child.**
- E) Can serve in slavery to pay off a debt.**
- F) Also to pay for committing a crime.**
- G) In times of famine...Children could be sold into slavery to avoid starvation.**
- H) If a Gambler bets on being a “Slave”....Loses ....Serves off bet as Slave!**
- I) Some female slaves become mistresses.**
- J) Slaves can intermarry with free persons.**

## **Aztecs – Language**

**1. 24 different dialects are spoken in the Empire.**

# **Aztecs – Clothing**

**1. Rough.**

**2. Crudely woven materials:**

**A) Even the King's clothing.**

**B) Why??**

**I. No Sheep...No Wool!**

**3. Loincloths:**

**A) Made from Palm Fibers.**

**4. Sandals:**

**A) Woven from straw.**

**5. No buttons or pins.**

**6. Nobles wear Feathers:**

**A) Are of great value.**

**B) Long, green, plumes, of the Quetzal Bird of Chiapas and Guatemala.**

## **Aztecs – Tribute(Taxes)**

### **1. Paid in:**

- A) Cacao (Primary form of money).**
- B) Cotton.**
- C) Feathers.**
- D) Precious Stones.**
- E) Jaguar Skins.**
- F) Eagles.**
- G) Shells.**
- H) Dyes.**
- I) Cloth.**
- J) Gold.**
- K) Silver.**
- L) Sandals.**
- M) Corn.**
- N) Jewelry.**
- O) Sacrificial Victims.**

### **2. Tax Collectors are located in every Tributary Town:**

- A) If he embezzles and is caught...Death!**

### **3. Taxes are paid to support the King, War, and Religion.**

**4. Those exempt from taxes:**

**A) King.**

**B) King's Mistresses.**

**C) Engineers.**

**D) Priests.**

## **Aztecs – Agriculture**

- 1. Become an Agriculture Society.**
- 2. Will learn new farming techniques.**
- 3. Staple crop.....Maize:**
  - A) Considered holy.**
- 4. Grow large amounts of beans & chili peppers.**
- 5. Eat a lot of fish:**
  - A) Catch them with nets.**
- 6. All food is baked or boiled:**
  - A) Why?.....NO GREASE!!**
- 7. Average person's meal:**
  - A) Corn.**
  - B) Beans.**
  - C) Maybe some fish or fowl(Also caught with nets).**
- 8. Average person's diet:**
  - A) Corn.**

- B) Beans.**
- C) Chili Peppers.**
- D) Squash.**
- E) Vegetables.**
- F) Melons.**
- G) Cactus Fruit.**
- H) Chocolate.**
- I) Avocadoes.**
- J) RARELY.....Meat!**

**9. Average Noble's diet:**

**A) All of the above...PLUS:**

- I. Venison(Deer).**
- II. Javelina.**
- III. Turkey.**
- IV. Fish.**
- V. Dog.**

**10. Because of a lack of protein at times:**

**A) Revert to cannibalism!**

- I. Eat arms & legs of sacrificial victims.**

**11. Most important utility plant...Maguey:**

**A) Furnishes them with:**

- I. Parchment.**

**II. Sewing Needles.**

**III. Thread.**

**IV. Twine.**

**V. Honey.**

**VI. Sugar.**

**VII. Vinegar.**

**VIII. Pulque.**

## **Aztecs – Traders**

- 1. Called: “Pochtecas.”**
- 2. Have influence.**
- 3. Are respected.**
- 4. Have their own courts.**
- 5. Are their own distinct social group.**
- 6. Live in their own districts.**
- 7. Some know other languages and customs:  
A) With this knowledge...Act as spies for the  
military.**
- 8. Organize and lead caravans as far as Central  
America.**

# **Aztecs – Mathematics & Science**

**1. Develop an advanced Mathematical System.**

**2. Develop a Calendar:**

**A) Made of Stone.**

**B) 12 feet high.**

**C) Weighs 24 tons.**

**D) Takes 2 years to make it:**

**I. 1479 to 1481.**

**E) Has:**

**I. 18...Twenty-day months.**

**II. 5 days are added on at the end of each year.**

**III. Total.....365 days.**

**3. Have a Religious Calendar of 13 months.**

## **Aztecs – Arts, Crafts, Etc.**

- 1. Most art forms are borrowed from others.**
- 2. Paint(illustrate)their books.**
- 3. Very good at Stone Construction.**
- 4. Good at Stone Sculpture.**
- 5. Build nice Stone Houses.**
- 6. Best art form is Sculpture.**
- 7. Excellent weavers of Feathers.**
- 8. Do good Ceramic Work.**
- 9. Good at Pottery Work.**
- 10. Good at making Jewelry from:**
  - A) Gold.**
  - B) Silver.**
  - C) Jade.**
  - D) Turquoise.**

- E) Crystal.**
- F) Emerald.**
- G) Obsidian.**

**11. Have many painters.**

**12. Music is primarily ceremonial:**

**A) Tended to be mournful, morbid, and monotonous.**

**B) Primary instruments:**

**I. Flutes.**

**II. Whistles.**

**III. Rattles.**

**IV. Drums.**

**V. Shells.**

**VI. Trumpets.**

# **Aztecs – Schools**

**1. Mandatory for children.**

**2. Determines social & economic status.**

**3. 2 types of schools:**

**A) Children of Nobility:**

**I. Run by Priests.**

**II. Strict discipline.**

**III. Long hours of study.**

**IV. Classes in:**

**(1) Religion.**

**(2) Astronomy.**

**(3) Philosophy.**

**(4) Poetry.**

**(5) History:**

**a. Passed on orally.**

**(6) Oratory.**

**(7) Rhetoric.**

**B) Commoners:**

**I. Less intellectual.**

**II. Practical.**

**III. Taught rudiments of warfare.**

**IV. Learn trades and skills.**

**V. Girls are taught the duties of:**

- (1) Motherhood.**
- (2) The Household.**
- (3) Conformity.**
- (4) Modesty.**
- (5) Courtesy.**

# **Aztecs – Fiestas**

**1. Celebrated on a regular cycle basis.**

## **Aztecs – Judges**

**1. Appointed by the King.**

**2. Have great authority.**

**3. Can arrest the highest of dignitaries:**

**A) Why??**

**I. Because, under the law...Everyone is equal.**

**4. Have to be totally impartial or.....Death!**

## **Aztecs – Doctors**

- 1. Totally ignorant of the causes of disease.**
- 2. Very good at treatments.**
- 3. Set broken bones.**
- 4. Set dislocations.**
- 5. Treat cavities.**
- 6. Perform a crude version of brain surgery.**

# **Aztecs – Mistresses**

## **1. Common rule.**

## **Aztecs – Alcohol & Drugs**

**1. Hallucinogenic Drugs are used by the Upper Class:**

**A) These & Pulque are considered to be magical:**

**I. Why??...Because they change personalities.**

# **Aztecs – Crimes & Punishment**

## **1. Drunkenness:**

**A) Okay for the old.**

**B) For the young.....Death!!!**

**I. Why??.....Undermines the order of society  
and the economy.**

## **2. Slanderers or Gossips:**

**A) Lips cut off!**

## **3. Adultery:**

**A) For men.....Okay!**

**B) For women.....Head crushed between stones!**

## **4. Homosexuals:**

**A) Hanged!**

## **5. Crimes punishable by death:**

**A) Adultery(Females).**

**B) Drunkenness(Young).**

**C) Homosexuality.**

**D) Lying.**

**E) Blasphemy.**

**F) Treason.**

**G) Theft.**

**H) Murder.**

**I) Witchcraft.....THE WORST CRIME!!**

**6. Death is preceded by torture!**

**7. Most deaths by:**

**A) Arrow or Spear thrust up thru the groin!**

## **Aztecs – Dead**

- 1. Are wrapped in brightly colored blankets:**
  - A) Then cremated.**
  - B) Only ones NOT cremated:**
    - I. Leaders...They are entombed.**

## **Aztecs – Religion**

- 1. Religion controls everything on a daily basis from birth until death!**
- 2. Religion is a “grab-bag” of cults & Gods of others.**
- 3. Believe in “Suns” or creations:**
  - A) Believe in 4 previous “Suns.”**
  - B) Believe they are living in the 5<sup>th</sup> “Sun”:**
    - I. Believe the Gods have created it thru their own sacrifice.**
  - C) Believe that the 4 previous “Suns” have ended in the destruction of mankind:**
    - I. 1<sup>st</sup>...Devoured by Jaguars.**
    - II. 2<sup>nd</sup>...Destroyed by the Wind.**
    - III. 3<sup>rd</sup>...Destroyed by a rain of Fire.**
    - IV. 4<sup>th</sup>...Drowning in a massive Flood.**
  - D) Believe that each destruction destroys the Sun.**
- 4. Believe they are the Sun’s representatives on Earth:**
  - A) Believe it is their duty to keep the Sun alive:**

**I. How?**

**(1) Paying back the Gods with Human Sacrifice!**

**B) Sacrifice will maintain the balance of the Heavens!**

**5. Supreme God.....Huitzilopochtli:**

**A) On a daily basis he battles night(Darkness).**

**B) To keep up his strength to do battle:**

**I. On a daily basis.**

**II. He needs a meal.**

**III. A beating Human Heart!**

**6. To them a Century is a 52 year cycle:**

**A) At the end of each century there has to be sacrifice to ensure another 52 years!**

**7. Believe they live in a World at the edge of Doom!**

**8. Believe that natural calamities are the actions of the Gods!**

**9. The highest Aztec Heaven is the.....Sun:**

**A) It is reserved for:**

**I. Warriors who die in battle.**

**II. Warriors who are captured and sacrificed by the enemy.**

**III. Sacrificial Victims.**

**10. Believe in a Special Heaven for:**

**A) Women who die in Childbirth!**

**11. Those who die naturally in bed...Go to the dark world of Mictlan.**

## **Aztecs – Warfare**

### **1. Primarily for Sacrificial Victims & Laborers:**

**A) Both from...Prisoners taken.**

### **2. Also for:**

**A) Material Gain.**

**B) Conquest.**

**C) Spoils of War.**

**D) Expansion of Territorial Boundaries.**

### **3. Campaign:**

**A) March directly into enemy territory.**

**B) Much show, noise, yelling, and name calling.**

**C) 1 decisive battle is fought.**

**D) Massive frontal assault.**

**E) NO sustained campaign:**

**I. Why??.....Logistics of supplying an army for a long time at a great distance.**

### **4. Weapons:**

**A) Bow & Arrow.**

**B) Slings.**

**C) Dart Shooters.**

**D) Stone Knives.**

**E) Spear Throwers.**

**F) “Maquahuitl”.....Club edged with sharp  
obsidian.**

## **Aztec – Sacrifice**

- 1. To them, it is a solemn and necessary ritual!**
- 2. Sole purpose.....Avoid disasters!**
  - A) AND...So, the Sun will continue!**
- 3. Victims are “Messengers to the Gods”:**
  - A) Considered an “honor” to make this trip:**
    - I. Are to express the reverence of the Aztecs.**
- 4. What does all this lead to??**
  - A) A constant state of war for sacrificial victims!**
    - I. Thus.....Militarism is elevated to a virtue!**
- 5. Who is sacrificed?**
  - A) Best.....Brave men of high rank!**
  - B) Brave Warriors.**
  - C) Volunteers:**
    - I. Treated with reverence!**
    - II. Best of foods!**
    - III. Virgins for wives!**
    - IV. After death...Worshipped as “Minor Gods”!**
  - D) Prisoners of War:**
    - I. Well Bred.**

**E) Those sent as Tribute Payments:**

**I. Considered to be Barbarians**

**F) Unsatisfactory Workers:**

**I. Have been “fired” by 3 successive masters.**

**II. Tradesmen & Artisans can purchase them:**

**(1) Why??.....For sacrifice!**

**a. Why?...Can't fight and capture prisoners of war for sacrifice!**

**G) Later.....Spanish Prisoners.**

**6. Methods:**

**A) Heart Removal.....While Alive!**

**B) Flaying.**

**C) Bow & Arrow.**

**7. Attitude of those to be sacrificed:**

**A) For the most part, philosophical:**

**I. Nothing is born or can endure without the sacrifice of human blood and heart!**

**B) Victims know their death is a divine necessity!**

**8. Day of Sacrifice:**

**A) Dressed, painted, and ornamented to simulate the God they are being sacrificed to!**

- B) Warriors go “sober”!**
- C) Slaves are usually drunk on Pulque!**
- D) Up the steps of the Pyramid to the Altar!**
- E) Spread-eagled on back.**
- F) Arms and legs are held down!**
- G) Priest.....Obsidian Knife.....Below breast bone!**
- H) Reaches in and under.....Tears heart out!**
- I) Still beating.....Each Priest.....A bite!!!**
  - I. Directly links them to that God!**

## **9. Division of the Victim:**

### **A) Head is removed:**

- I. Hung on a Skull Rack.**

### **B) 1 Thigh is removed:**

- I. Fed to the Supreme Council:**

**(1) Directly links them to that God!**

### **C) Other “choice cuts” fed to Nobles & the victim’s Captor:**

- I. Directly links them to that God!**

### **D) Bony remains:**

- I. Fed to Emperor’s animals in his private Zoo.**

# **Aztecs – City of Tenochtitlan**

## **1. Strategic & Political Value:**

**A) Is an Island.**

**B) Can only be attacked by water.**

**C) Like the Hub in the middle of the Wheel:**

**I. Situated on the borders of surrounding States.**

**D) Is subject to no one!**

**E) Is independent of all others.**

**F) Can side with anybody against anybody.**

## **2. Great quantities of fish, shrimp, and other lake products are gathered by the people of the city:**

**A) A lot of it is used to Trade:**

**I. For...Stone & Wood to continue the building in the city.**

## **3. Farming:**

**A) Done on Floating Gardens.**

## **4. City has 20 Districts:**

**A) Each District has a Temple.**

## **5. The Temple Enclosure:**

**A) In the center of the city.**

**B) Covers 125 acres.**

**C) Has 25 Temples.**

**D) Several Palaces:**

**I. Some are 2 stories...With 50 rooms!**

**II. To house:**

**(1) Legislators.**

**(2) Artists.**

**(3) Financiers.**

**(4) Educators.**

**(5) Civic Officials.**

**III. One Palace to house high ranking Officials  
or Visitors:**

**(1) 300 rooms!!!**

**E) Has 2 Ball Courts.**

**F) Skull Rack:**

**I. Contains the Skulls of over 250,000  
sacrificial victims!**

**6. Has many Zoos.**

**7. Has an Aviary.**

**8. Has many trees, flowers, and gardens.**

**9. Has large ponds for Swans & Ducks.**

**10. Has great drainage.**

**11. Has stone edged canals:**

**A) 6 major canals run thru the city.**

**B) Many minor canals crisscross:**

**I. Allows canoe transportation.**

**12. Has paved streets.**

**13. Is VERY clean!**

**A) At night...1,000 Street Cleaners:**

**I. Clean up dirt, waste, and garbage.**

**II. Haul it away.**

**14. Has streets that are lit after dark.**

**15. Has a great Plaza:**

**A) 520 feet by 600 feet.**

**16. Has Light Houses to guide night-floating canoes!**

**17. Has Public Toilets on every street.**

**18. Has a Police Force.**

**19. Has Public Doctors, Dentists, and Courts.**

**20. Human waste is gathered and used as fertilizer!**

**21. People bathe 1 to 8 times per day:**

**A) Health measures and cleanliness is FAR superior to that of Europeans!**

**22. Water to the City:**

**A) Comes from Chapultepec.**

**B) Thru a 4 mile long Aqueduct!!!**

**23. Who you can find in the Market Place:**

**A) Tattoos.**

**B) Barbers.**

**C) Tanners.**

**D) Jewelers.**

**E) Healers.**

**F) Weavers.**

**G) Tailors.**

**H) Story Tellers.**

**I) Magicians.**

**J) Woodcarvers.**

**K) Etc.**

**24. What you can purchase in the Market Place:**

**A) Cotton.**

**B) Turkeys.**

**C) Slaves.**

**D) Bees.**

**E) Sweets.**

**F) Edible Dogs:**

**I. Chihuahuas!!!**

**G) Tomatoes.**

**H) Fish.**

**I) Tortillas.**

**J) Rubber.**

**K) Peanuts.**

**L) Perfume.**

**M) Pineapples.**

**N) Wood Burning Logs.**

**O) Toys.**

**P) Pumpkins.**

**Q) Mats.**

**R) Tobacco.**

**S) Vanilla.**

**T) Parrots.**

**U) Peppers.**  
**V) Sweet Potatoes.**  
**W) Strawberries.**  
**X) Meat.**  
**Y) Jade.**  
**Z) Peyote.**  
**AA) Turtles.**  
**BB) Papaya.**  
**CC) Quail.**  
**DD) Honey.**  
**EE) Cane.**  
**FF) Household Idols.**  
**GG) Guavas.**  
**HH) Sea Shells.**  
**II) Nets.**  
**JJ) Chicle.**  
**KK) Sandals.**  
**LL) Animal Skins.**  
**MM) Rouge.**  
**NN) Gourds.**  
**OO) Needles.**  
**PP) Artistic Supplies.**  
**QQ) Fans.**  
**RR) Drums.**  
**SS) Salt.**

**TT) Hemp.**

**UU) Blankets.**

**VV) Copper Axes.**

**WW) Avocadoes.**

**XX) Herbs.**

**YY) Pulque.**

**ZZ) Arrows.**

**AAA) Flowers.**

**BBB) Chocolate.**

**CCC) Dyes...Made from vegetable oils & urine:**

**I. Primary colors are:**

**(1) Red...Signifies blood.**

**(2) Black...Signifies War & Religion.**

**(3) Yellow...Signifies Food.**

**(4) Dark Blue...Signifies Sacrifice.**

**(5) Green...Signifies Royalty.**

**(6) Purple.**

**25. 3 Causeways...From City to Mainland:**

**A) 12 or more feet wide.**

**B) Wooden Drawbridges at intervals.**

**C) Junction of 2 main Causeways is Ft. Xoloc:**

**I. For defense.**

**26. Population averages.....135,000!!**

**Early  
Discoveries &  
Contacts  
By  
The  
Spanish  
In  
Mexico**

## **1511 – Aguilar & Guerrero**

**1. Diego Velasquez – Conquers Cuba.**

**2. Spanish Ship – From Panama – Headed for Cuba:**

**A) Runs aground on a Jamaican reef.**

**B) 18 survivors put to sea in a small boat.**

**C) Two weeks later...11 are left alive.**

**D) Wash ashore on the coast of Yucatan.**

**E) Are captured by the Mayas.**

**F) All but 2 are sacrificed.**

**G) The 2 survivors:**

**I. Jeronimo de Aguilar.**

**II. Gonzalo Guerrero.**

**H) The 2 men escape:**

**I. Caught.**

**II. Kept as slaves.**

**I) Due to their merits...Accepted into the Mayan Culture.**

**J) Guerrero marries the Mayan Chief's daughter:**

**I. Rises to the rank of Captain in the Mayan Army.**

**K) After 8 years of captivity:**

**I. Aguilar is traded to Hernan Cortes.**

**L) Guerrero remains a Mayan by choice:**

**I. Will lead many attacks AGAINST the Spanish!**

**II. Will be killed by a blast of Spanish gunfire!**

**3. Even though accidental...Aguilar & Guerrero:**

**A) Credited with the discovery of Mexico.**

## **1517 - The Cordoba Expedition**

**1. 1517 – Governor of Cuba, Diego Velasquez sends out an expedition:**

**A) To trade and find other Indians to be enslaved!**

**B) Consists of:**

**I. 3 ships.**

**II. 110 men.**

**C) Led by...Francisco de Cordoba.**

**2. Reach the coast of Yucatan:**

**A) Meet the Mayas:**

**I. They board his ships.**

**II. Invite the Spanish ashore.**

**B) Spanish go ashore:**

**I. Attacked by the Mayas.**

**II. Spanish gunfire...Mayas flee!**

**C) Mayan dead are stripped of gold trinkets and jewelry.**

**3. Sails around the Cape of Yucatan:**

**A) Reach an inlet.**

**B) Reach the Mayan town of Champoton:**

**I. Here they find the 1<sup>st</sup> signs of:**

**(1) Human Sacrifice!**

**C) On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day...Attacked by the Mayans:**

**I. Half the Spanish are killed!**

**II. The other half are wounded.**

**III. Cordoba has been badly wounded by arrows.**

**4. Spanish burn their smallest ship:**

**A) Sail off in the remaining two.**

**5. Reach the shores of Florida:**

**A) Attacked by more Indians.**

**B) More of the Spanish are killed.**

**6. Return to Cuba:**

**A) Cordoba reports his mission:**

**I. Dies from his wounds.**

## **1518 – The Grijalva Expedition**

**1. April 1518 – Velasquez sends out an expedition under his nephew, Juan de Grijalva:**

**A) To seek more wealth in the area of Yucatan.**

**2. Consists of:**

**A) 4 ships.**

**B) 220 men.**

**3. Reach the Mayan town of Champoton:**

**A) Fight...On the water...On shore:**

**I. 200 Mayans are killed:**

**(1) Stripped of all gold and valuables.**

**4. Sails away...Reaches Tabasco:**

**A) Trades beads and glass for gold!**

**B) Asks for more Gold:**

**I. They point West and say “Mejico, Mejico.”**

**5. Sails North...Reaches the present State of Veracruz:**

**A) Meets some Aztecs.**

**B) Trades trinkets for Gold!**

**C) Over 350 items are traded to the Spanish:**

- I. Gold Idols.**
- II. Gold Nuggets.**
- III. Gold Vessels.**
- IV. Gold Necklaces.**
- V. 40 Axes made of Gold & Copper.**
- VI. Gold Fish Hooks.**
- VII. Gold Earrings.**
- VIII. Gold Pendants.**
- IX. Stone Jewelry.**
- X. Masks.**
- XI. Skins.**
- XII. Featherwork.**
- XIII. Cotton Mantles.**
- XIV. Perfumes.**
- XV. Chilis.**
- XVI. Fruits.**

**D) Value.....Over \$50 million!!!!!!**

- I. Trinkets in return.....\$50!!!!!!**

**6. Returns to Cuba.**

**7. Grijalva is the 1<sup>st</sup> man to spread the word of riches in Mexico!**

# **Spain at the Time of the Conquest**

**1. 1469 – Ferdinand of Aragon marries Isabella of Castille:**

**A) Purpose of the Marriage...SOLELY, to “unify” Spain!**

**2. During colonization:**

**A) Spain is NEVER unified:**

**I. Will NOT be a “Spanish Empire”:**

**(1) Will be “Empires”.....Plural!**

**3. Spain will eventually control:**

**A) Mexico.**

**B) Central America.**

**C) South America.**

**D) The Caribbean Sea.**

**E) Florida.**

**F) Louisiana.**

**G) Texas.**

**H) Arizona.**

**I) New Mexico.**

**J) California.**

**K) The area from the Rockies in Colorado:**

**I. All the way West to the Ocean.**  
**L) Portions of Wyoming and Oregon.**