

History
The Aztecs
Book: Exploring the Aztec Empire
Pages 4-13

Students: Fill in the answers and return for assessment

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Exploring the Aztec Empire.

In this segment, we are going to be introduced to the Aztecs and learn about where they came from.

You will need to go to pages 4-5 of the book.

Part 1

Look on a map of the world and find the area where the Aztec lived and traded.

Answer ...

No written answer needed. The Aztec lived in what is now Mexico and traded throughout North and Central America. You may like to do this as a whole class activity.

Read the text on pages 6-7. How do we know about the Aztecs?

Answer ...

They left behind some records and paintings and the Spanish also write about them and made paintings of them.

Now turn to pages 8-11

Part 2

What are three civilisations from the same area that came before the Aztecs? (Hint: you will need to look on page 10 for the third one)

Answer ...

Olmec, Teotihuacan and Toltec (page 10)

Read the text on pages 10-11. In your own words, describe how the Aztecs gained power.

Answer ...

The Toltec were overrun by enemies and their civilisation collapsed into warring cities. These cities hired mercenaries called Mexica who, over time, gained control of the cities and married the children of the leaders.

Now turn to pages 12-13 of the book.

Part 3

Read about the Aztec gods on pages 12 and 13. Choose one of the gods, draw a picture of them and write about why they were important. You may also like to research more about the god.

Answer ...

Students' own answers. You may also like the students to conduct more research on Aztec gods or make masks of the gods instead of pictures.

That is the end of this worksheet, and you can now turn to another one. Also, find out if your teacher has left you any other worksheets or special instructions on your school website.

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