

History  
The Aztecs  
Book: Exploring the Aztec Empire  
Pages 14-23

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 learn more about Aztec cities.

You will need to go to pages 14-15 of the book.

Part 1

How is the Aztec calendar different from the calendar we use today?

Answer ...

They had a separate religious calendar with 260 days; the calendars were combined into a 52-year century; the religious calendar had 20, 13-day periods (or weeks). The calendar was written in pictures, or glyphs, carved in stone.

Now turn to pages 16-19

Part 2

Find Tenochtitlan on a map. Read the text on pages 16 to 19. Draw a plan for how you imagine part of the city may have looked.

Answer ...

It is on the site of present-day Mexico City.

Students' own answers: drawings could include different districts with each having its own temple and gardens, the Great Temple in the middle, houses, pyramids, palaces and canals.

Now turn to pages 20-21 of the book.

### Part 3

What are some of the similarities and differences between the Aztec army and modern armies?

Answer ...

Similarities: organised into different ranks; warriors had weapons; wore uniforms

Differences: leaders were nobles and priests; weapons were different; uniforms were different (headdresses with feathers and skins)

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 22-23 of the book.

### Part 4

Imagine that you are an Aztec market trader. Describe your day – what do you sell, what do you use for money, what kind of people buy and sell in the market? etc.

Answer ...

Students' own answers. You may also like the students to do this as a whole class discussion.

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