

History  
The Aztecs  
Book: Exploring the Aztec Empire  
Pages 24-31

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 life in the Aztec Empire and how it came to an end.

You will need to go to pages 24-25 of the book.

#### Part 1

What was a chinampas? Why were they used?

Answer ...

Chinampas were floating gardens made from sticks and mud and floating on the lake. They were used because the lands around the main Aztec city were too dry to give good crops the entire year.

Now turn to pages 26-27

#### Part 2

How was the education of boys and girls similar? How was it different?

Answer ...

Similar: learned at home until 14; learned 'sayings of the old'; went to school at 15

Different: after 15, boys learned practical and military skills or writing, astronomy, statesmanship and religion while girls learned how to look after the home and raise children; girls were not taught to read and write.

Now turn to pages 28-31 of the book.

### Part 3

Read the text on pages 28 to 31. What are some of the reasons why a small number of Spanish conquistadores were able to defeat the huge Aztec Empire?

Answer ...

The Spanish were helped by the Aztec's enemies; the Spanish had superior weapons; Mochtezuma believed in a prophesy that disaster was coming so did not try to stop it; the Spanish brought disease (smallpox) that killed huge numbers of Aztecs. You may like to have the students answer this as a class discussion.

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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