

History Knowledge Organiser

Chronology



AD 1100
The Aztecs are nomads, moving from place to place.

AD 1200-1300
The Aztecs arrive in Mexico.

AD 1325
The city of Tenochtitlan is built as their capital city.

AD 1428
As the Aztecs form an alliance with other tribes, their empire begins to grow.

AD 1521
The Aztec empire is invaded and destroyed by Spain.

AD 1522
Tenochtitlan is rebuilt as Mexico City - the capital of Mexico.

Power and Influence



Aztecs - Montezuma was the last ruler of the Aztec empire before the civilization's collapse after the Spanish Conquest in the early 16th century CE. He ruled from 1502 CE until 1520 CE. During his reign, Montezuma expanded the Aztec empire and was considered a god by his people. The ruler famously lived in a huge palace at the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan.

Spanish Empire - Hernán Cortés (c. 1485-1547) is best known for conquering the Aztecs and claiming Mexico on behalf of Spain. Cortés first served as a soldier in an expedition of Cuba led by Diego Velázquez in 1511. Cortés and his crew reached Mexico in February of 1519. Cortés was a ruthless leader whose ambition was to conquer the people of Mexico and convert them to Christianity, and make himself wealthy in the process.

Community



The Aztecs were a nomadic tribe who settled in Mexico around AD 1300. They settled in Tenochtitlan as this had a good supply of water and food with easy access to nearby towns for trade. Tenochtitlan was built on a marshy island near the edge of Lake Texcoco. Once they settled in Tenochtitlan, the Aztec empire began to grow. It covered 80,000 square miles and included millions of people who were all ruled by an emperor.



Montezuma	Last ruler of the Aztec empire
Expansion	The action of becoming larger.
Aztecs	Civilization of Mesoamerica from 1300 to 1521.
Civilisation	A group of people with their own languages and way of life.
Bias	A personal judgment for or against one side.
Reliability	A reliable source is a source that can be backed up with evidence, is free of bias, and comes from a trustworthy author or organisation.
Empire	A term used to describe a group of territories ruled by one single ruler or state.
Citizens	A citizen is a member of a community, state, or nation.
Conquer	The act of taking control of a country, city, etc., through the use of force.
Tenochtitlan	The capital of the Aztec Empire
Accuracy	Accuracy of information is their quality of being true or correct.
Secondary Source	A second-hand account of history; they don't need to have been created at the time.
Primary Source	Provides original information on an event or era from that period in time; produced by a person who experienced that event or era themselves.

