

KEY VOCABULARY

Aqueduct- An artificial channel for conveying water, typically in the form of a bridge across a valley or other gap.

Chinampa- A method of ancient Mesoamerican agriculture

Codex- An ancient manuscript text in book form.

Empire- An extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch, an oligarchy, or a sovereign state.

Montezuma- The last fully independent ruler of the Aztec

Sacrifice- An act of slaughtering an animal or person as an offering to a deity.

Tenochtitlan- The ancient capital of the Aztec empire

Hierarchy- A system in which members of an organization or society are ranked according to relative status or authority.

Tribe- A distinctive or close-knit group.

Assessment

	Working Towards	At Expected	Above Expected
Can you describe some ways in which the Aztecs worshipped their Gods?			
Can you locate Mexico on a map and identify other areas where the Aztecs lived?			
Can you explain some similarities and differences between an Aztec and modern day city?			

Aztecs



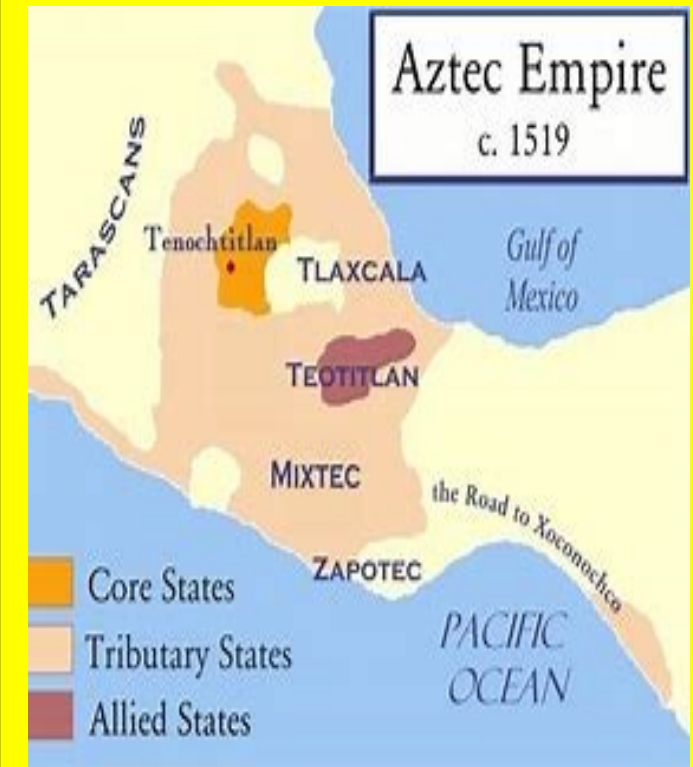
Knowledge Organiser



KEY FACTS

- They called themselves the **Mexica**
- The Mexica originated from **northern Mexico**
- They founded **Tenochtitlan in 1325 AD**
- They defeated the **Tepanecs** to become the most powerful state in Mexico
- Their combat became focused on **capture over killing on the battlefield**
- Their religion practiced **human sacrifice**

Diagram/Timeline



Further Reading

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zxmxpv4>

QUESTIONS TO DEEPEN YOUR LEARNING

Character	Critical Thinking	Creativity	Communication	Citizenship	Collaboration
Why did the Aztecs worship many Gods?	Were the Aztecs civilised or savages?	Can I make a model of an Aztec structure?	How could I present what I understand about the Aztecs?	What impact does this civilisation have on modern day Mexico and the surrounding area?	Can I work with others to present my findings?