

Fill in the bubble beside the best answer to each question.

- Which of the following is an example of one culture influencing a later culture?
  - A. The Aztecs married members of the Toltec royal family.
  - B. The Aztecs made pilgrimages to the ruins of Teotihuacan civilization.
  - C. The Aztecs conquered other groups and built an empire in Mesoamerica.
  - D. The Aztecs built a city on an island in Lake Texcoco.
- What was one benefit of settling on an island in Lake Texcoco?
  - A. It was easy to defend.
  - B. It had a deep harbor.
  - C. It had dense forests.
  - D. It was made of volcanic rock.
- What belongs in the blank space on the timeline?
 

1250	1325	1428	1519
Aztecs move to the Valley of Mexico	Aztecs start building Tenochtitlan	?	Spanish arrive

  - A. Aztecs dominate the Valley of Mexico.
  - B. Aztecs conquer the Toltecs.
  - C. Aztecs defeat the Tepanecs.
  - D. Aztecs overthrow Tenochtitlan.

- At the Great Temple, the Aztecs built a shrine to Tlaloc, the rain god. What does this suggest about the Aztecs?
  - A. Their trade routes were mostly water-based.
  - B. They needed resources from the rainforest.
  - C. They didn't always have enough water.
  - D. Their leaders were believed to be gods.
- Why did the Aztecs in Tenochtitlan need the technologies listed below?
  - aqueduct
  - dike
  - causeways
  - canals
  - A. because they lived on an island
  - B. because they lived by the seasons
  - C. because they wanted to get around easily
  - D. because they were the center of the empire

- Why did the leader Itzcoatl destroy records of his people's history?
  - A. so he could have more control over his people
  - B. so he could tell a different story of their past
  - C. to improve his people's productivity and wealth
  - D. to ensure that no one would challenge his authority

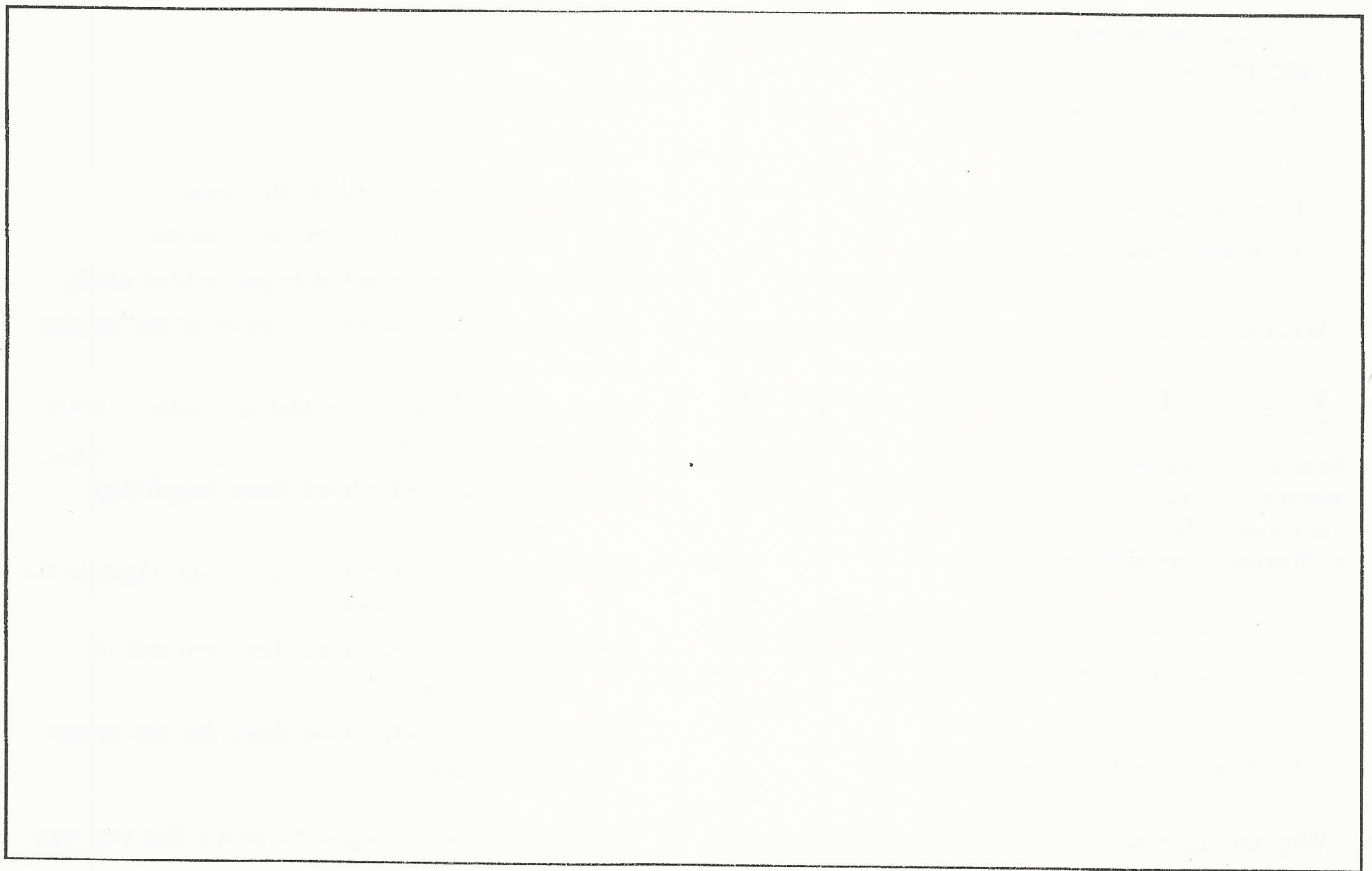
- What does it mean to say that the Aztec Empire was "based on tribute"?
  - A. The people who lived there worshiped Aztec gods.
  - B. The people who lived there paid taxes to the Aztec government.
  - C. The people who lived there traveled on river tributaries.
  - D. The people who lived there did not accept Aztec leaders.
- Which of the following is evidence that war was at the center of Aztec life?
  - A. All Aztec males trained to be soldiers.
  - B. All Aztec people became wealthy.
  - C. The Aztec culture spread over great areas.
  - D. The Aztec Empire lasted hundreds of years.



## PROCESSING 24

Design a flag for the Aztec Empire. Your flag should include

- at least one symbol that represents something important about the arrival of the Aztecs in the Valley of Mexico.
- at least one symbol that represents something important about their capital city of Tenochtitlan.
- at least one symbol that represents something important about how they conquered and ruled their neighbors.
- a variety of colors.
- no more than five words.





## READING NOTES 24

Read Sections 24.2 to 24.4. Complete these steps for each section:

1. Record your answers to the questions in the corresponding section of the flag.
2. Lightly shade that section of the flag the appropriate color.
3. Complete the matching sentence below.

- The color green could help you remember this part of Aztec history because...

- The color white could help you remember this part of Aztec history because...

- The color red could help you remember this part of Aztec history because...

### 24.2 The Aztecs in the Valley of Mexico

Name two important groups that lived in the Valley of Mexico before the Aztecs. Give an example of how they influenced the Aztecs.

How did other groups already living in the Valley of Mexico treat the Aztecs? Why might the Aztecs have eliminated this part of their story for their “official” histories later on?

According to Aztec history, how did the Aztecs know where to build their new city of Tenochtitlan? Why was this a good location?

*Lightly shade this section of the flag green.*



**24.3 Tenochtitlan: A City of Wonders**

How did the Aztecs build their capital in the middle of a lake?

Name at least one important building in Tenochtitlan, and describe what happened there.



Describe at least two aspects of Tenochtitlan that allowed so many people to live there comfortably.

*Leave this section of the flag white.*

**24.4 The Aztec Empire**

What kinds of goods did the Aztecs receive in tribute from conquered peoples? Why was tribute so important to the Aztecs?

Typically, what happened before, during, and after an Aztec declaration of war?

What did the Aztecs demand of cities they defeated? Name one advantage and one disadvantage of this Aztec policy.

*Lightly shade this section of the flag red.*