

History of Mexico Documentary Questions

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- 1) Who first populated North America around 20,000 BCE?
- 2) Located in the "City of the Gods" during the 5th Century AD, what two pyramids dominated what was probably the largest city in the world?
- 3) What caused the end of Teotihuacan after the 6th century AD?
- 4) What notable invention was not adopted by the Mayans in the Yucatan Peninsula?
- 5) What empire popped up in central Mexico after the decline of the people of Teotihuacan?
- 6) What is the significance of the Aztec symbol of a snake being eaten by an eagle while perched on a cactus?
- 7) How did the creation of chinampas help create Aztec civilization?
- 8) What was the Aztec power based upon?
- 9) What did the original Spanish visitors find when they reached the Aztec Empire?
- 10) Several historians comment on the nature of Aztec sacrifice. What was their conclusion?
- 11) According to the Spanish what would the Aztec emperor do while eating and why?
- 12) What legend is alleged (less so now) to have influenced Montezuma II that the Spaniards were to be feared?
- 13) What did Cortez do to convince his men to push inland instead of turning back after their arrival in Veracruz?
- 14) What tribal group did the Spanish defeat early on in 1519, subsequently convincing them to help fight against the "hated" Aztecs?
- 15) What did the Spanish do shortly after meeting Montezuma II which triggered a series of disasters for the Aztecs?
- 16) What was the Spanish response to discovering the Aztec Treasury?
- 17) What did the Spanish governor in Cuba do to punish Cortez and why did it backfire?
- 18) How did the Aztec Empire ultimately fall?
- 19) What were the impacts on the future nation of Mexico to the fall of the Aztecs?