

Aztec Civilization Movie Notes_Answers

1. The Aztecs ruled in present-day Mexico City, the capital of Mexico.
2. What Aztec ruins can you still see today, and where are they located?
 - a. Near the city center, there are remains of Aztecs buildings under the streets. These were discovered in 1978.
3. What was the name of the island where the nomadic people, the Aztecs, settled?
 - a. Tenochtitlan
4. What happened when the Aztecs defeated other tribes?
 - a. They expected to get payments, or tributes, or else they would return.
5. Where was the main trading center of the Aztec empire?
 - a. The city of Tenochtitlan had a thriving market. Goods were traded from all over the empire.
6. Describe the Aztecs house.
 - a. There was a thatched house with a few simple things inside. On their land, maize was grown.
7. Maize is also known as corn, which was an important food for the Aztecs. They made tortillas from the corn.
8. Why were warriors important to the Aztec society?
 - a. They were important because they captured neighboring tribes and received more tributes. The more tributes a warrior got, the more important he became.
9. In the inner temple, what took place?
 - a. A special ceremony where they called upon the gods to bless the new warrior.
10. The Aztecs made human sacrifices to make sure the sun rose each day.
11. What type of economy do you think the Aztecs had? Explain why.
12. The Aztecs used music and dance to relive great moments in their history and to communicate with their gods.

Now that you have a better idea of who the Aztecs were and what their life was like, choose one of the following tasks and complete it on the back of this handout.

- Describe the geographic advantages and disadvantages of the Mexica settling on an island in Lake Texcoco.
- Write a journal entry describing Aztec homes and the daily life from the perspective of an Aztec child.

