

The Aztecs

Resources: Medieval Times to Today Chapter 2 (pages 59, 62-64) & World Cultures and Geography (pages 162-3)

Directions: Read both text selections listed above. Answer the following questions.

1. Briefly describe the legend of why the Aztecs established their capital on Lake Texcoco. Make sure you include the name of the Aztec capital. (p. 59)

2. Describe the Aztec Empire geographically. _____

3. Describe the magnificence of Tenochtitlan.

4. What connected the island city to the mainland (term and definition)?

5. Why did the Aztecs need to build floating gardens? What were they called?

6. How did the Aztecs get fresh water to the city? What other civilization used this technology?

7. Why were all able men expected to join the Aztec army? _____

How did the Aztecs treat the people they defeated in war?

8. Why did the Aztecs believe they needed to sacrifice human victims?

9. Describe the Aztec class system.

10. Describe the Aztec religion.

11. What was the role of women in Aztec society?
