

PREVIEW 24

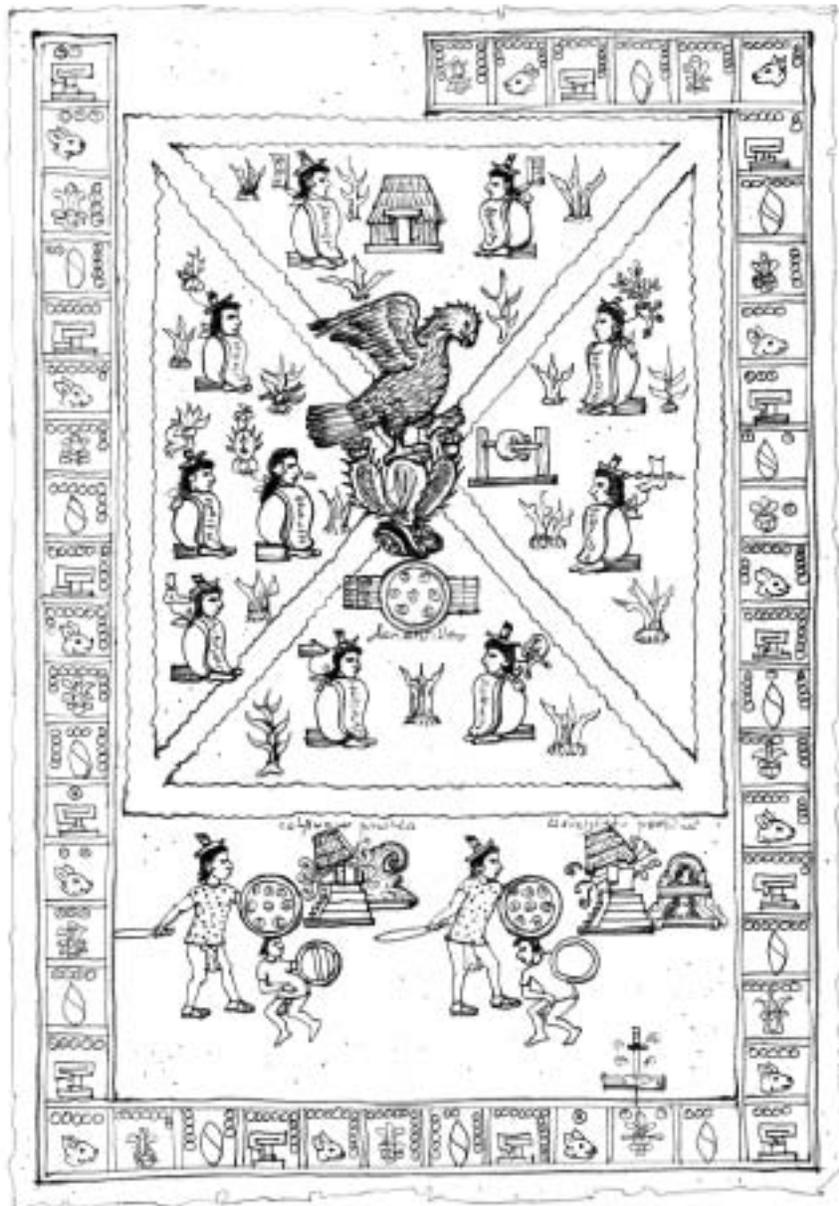


This Aztec artwork contains clues about these three topics:

- the beginnings of the Aztec Empire
- the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan
- the Aztecs' relations with their neighbors

Follow these steps:

1. Color four details that are clues about one of the three topics above.
2. Around the drawing, write a note for each detail you color, explaining what it tells about one of the topics.
3. Draw a line from each detail to its note.





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.



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.

