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**The Aztec Empire**

1. How far did the Aztec Empire stretch?

2. About how many people were in the Aztec empire?

3. According to legend, where did the Aztecs come from?

4. According to legend, how did Huitzilopochtli communicate with the travelers?

5. Why did they sacrifice themselves?

6. Who did they sacrifice for the rain god?

7. How did they find their new city? What were they looking for?

8. How did they add more land to the city of Tenochtitlan?

9. What were canals used for while building the city?

10. What kinds of arts existed in Aztec culture?

11. How did the Aztecs gather enough money to keep the empire in power?

12. What are the theories to why they wear human skin?

13. What did they hope to achieve by eating enemies’ bodies?

14. What did they do every 52 years and why did they do it?

15. Why did Montezuma II believe that Cortes was Quetzalcoatl?

16. Why did Montezuma II welcome the Spanish?

17. Why did the gift of gold (to the Spaniards) mean destruction for the Aztecs?

18. Why do Mexicans consider(la) Malinche a traitor?

19. Why couldn’t the Aztecs fight off the Spaniards even though there were only 600 Spaniards?

20. Why did Montezuma continue to give Cortes gifts?

21. Why did the Spaniards require the statues taken down of Aztec gods?

22. What finally drove the Spaniards away?

23. Why did many Spaniards die?

24. What did the Spanish leave after they were driven out of town?

25. Where were priceless Aztec objects found in the 1970’s?