

Year 6 Aztec Knowledge Organiser

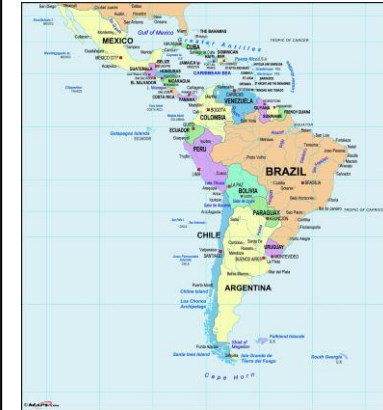
- ✓ The Aztecs were a fierce tribe of warriors who settled in the Valley of Mexico in 13th Century
- ✓ They fought countless wars with neighbouring tribes until they dominated most of what is now Mexico.
- ✓ Their capital city was called Tenochtitlan where Mexico City now stands.
- ✓ Within the city there were palaces, pyramids and temples where priests carried out human sacrifices as part of a religious ritual to please the gods.
- ✓ The Aztecs mainly worshipped the sun god.
- ✓ Warfare was important to Aztec society.
- ✓ In order to progress through the ranks in warfare, an Aztec warrior had to capture hostages and show courage in battle.
- ✓ Hunting and fishing were important activities.
- ✓ Religion was an important part of Aztec culture – ball games were linked to the gods in which the court represented the world and the ball represented the sun and moon.
- ✓ Players hit the ball with their hips.
- ✓ Aztec craftsmen were skilled stoneworkers; they also liked to work with colourful feathers.
- ✓ Aztec markets operated on a barter system (exchanging products)
- ✓ Maize was their central food, however they also ate vegetables including beans and squash.
- ✓ The Spanish arrived in 1519.



An example of Aztec pottery



A map of Central and South America



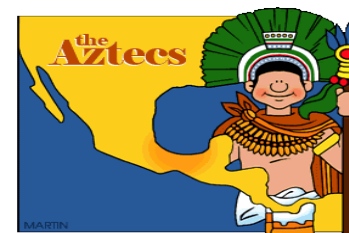
Key vocabulary:

Adobe, amenteca, aqueduct
Callpuli, chinampa, city-state, codex, conquistadors
Macehualtin, maize, Mesoamerica, Mexica, Nahuatl
Ollama, pictograph, Pipiltin, Tenochtitlan

Did you know?

Every 52 years, the Aztecs destroyed all their household objects in a religious ceremony. Can you imagine doing this?!

Homework tasks



Maths	English	History/Geography/Science	Art and DT
Know all your times tables to 12 x 12.	Find an image of the Amazon and turn your thoughts into a poem about it.	Find as many flags as you can related to Central and South America. Draw and label them in your book.	Research and draw some Aztec symbols
Divide a page into 4 – in each section show how you add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions.	Research how to make chocolate – create a story board about the process.	Record 5 interesting facts about the Aztecs – write them as a list or a short paragraph.	What did the Aztecs eat? Design an Aztec menu!
Create different 6 digit numbers complete with decimal points. Add and subtract them.	Write a set of instructions about how chocolate is made.	Compile different fact files about key inventors.	Create your very own mood board about the Aztecs – use symbols, patterns, colours, words and textures.
Draw in your book how to multiply and divide whole numbers and decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.	Find out the meanings of the words in the vocabulary section of this knowledge organiser – write each one in a zig-zag book.	Write a diary entry about the life of an Aztec family.	Make your own Aztec headdress for our class display.

Here's some space for you to design your own homework tasks!

Have fun!



Task 1:

Task 2:

Task 3: