

A QUICK HISTORY OF THE AZTECS IN PICTURES

<p>Around 1300 AD, The Aztec tribe wandered into Mexico.</p>	<p>As the land had already been taken by other tribes, they had to settle in the swampy banks of Lake Texcoco.</p>	<p>They built canoes, so they could fish and hunt birds that lived near the water.</p>	<p>They created floating gardens for growing food. They created more land for agriculture by filling in the marshes. They built dikes to hold back the water.</p>
<p>After they settled in, they began to conquer the neighbouring tribes.</p>	<p>They expanded quickly and built their empire.</p>	<p>They were very religious and believed that they had to offer human sacrifices to appease and honour their many gods.</p>	<p>With the help of trained engineers, builders, and traders, the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan became a great city.</p>

The Aztecs had an emperor, a king who ruled over all the people. The emperor lived in the imperial palace in the capital city of Tenochtitlan. The palace was huge. It even had its own zoo. The ground floor of the palace housed government offices and the shops of the most talented craftsman in the Aztec empire.

In 1519, the Spanish conquistador, Hernan Cortes, sailed from Europe to land in what is now Mexico. After a difficult journey inland, Cortes and his men entered the Aztec capital city and met , the Aztec leader.

They were allowed to enter the city, and welcomed as valued guests, all because of an old legend. – and consequently the arriving Spanish were treated as gods.

The Spanish brought disease and eventually death and destruction to the Aztec empire with their superior weapons like guns and cannons and their use of horses.

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