

Civilizations of Mesoamerica: The Aztecs

Lesson Objectives:

88. Describe where the _____ people settled in Mesoamerica.
89. List some advantages and disadvantages of building a city on a _____.
90. Define _____ and explain how it brought wealth and power to the Aztecs.
91. Describe the _____ structure of the Aztecs.
92. Explain how _____ and mythology influenced culture.

88. Describe where the Aztec people settled in Mesoamerica.

- Around A.D. 1200 bands of _____ people from the north migrated into the **Valley of _____**
- They founded their capital city, _____, and built it on a swampy island in the middle of Lake Texoco.
- “Tenochtitlan: Building an Island City”- textbook pg. 192.

89. List some advantages and disadvantages of building a city on a lake.

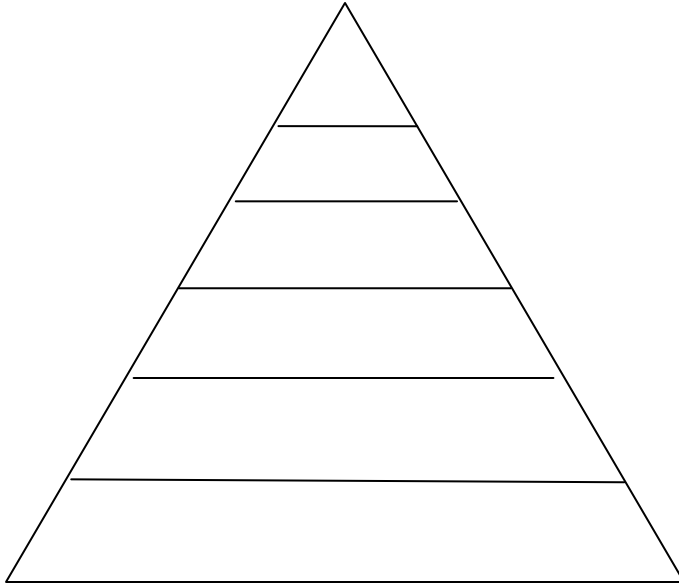
- Advantages
 - Constant water source- _____
 - _____
 - _____ - fish from lake
- Disadvantages
 - Shortage of _____
 - No way to _____ from enemies if surrounded.

90. Define tribute and explain how it brought wealth and power to the Aztecs.

- **Tribute**- _____ from conquered peoples.
- Tribute brought a constant flow of _____ to the Aztecs.
- This wealth was used to build a magnificent _____ and to build a strong _____.

91. Describe the government structure of the Aztecs.

- Unlike the _____ the Aztecs formed an empire with one ruler.
- Societal Structure



92. Explain how religion and mythology influenced culture.

- Polytheistic - _____
- The gods had _____ the world multiple times.
- To give the _____ strength everyday human _____ needed to be made.
- Most of those sacrificed were _____ of war.

