Meet the Aztecs

Student Name __________________________________________ Date ________________

- What modern-day country was home to the Aztecs?

- What was the name of their capital city? What was its geographical setting?

- Tenochtitlan was built on a site with a number of advantages. Why was it a good site for a city?

- The Aztecs had advanced farming methods. Name three crops they grew in the fertile soil around their capital.

- What kinds of animals did the Aztecs raise to eat? (turkeys, dogs, ducks, and geese) Did they have any kind of work animals?

- The Aztecs prayed to hundreds of gods and believed that these deities controlled all aspects of life. What kinds of things did they think the gods controlled?

- Religion was important to the Aztecs. How did they try to please their gods?

- The family was also important to the Aztecs. Each person in the family had a role. What did most men do? Women? Sons? Daughters?
• Describe typical homes in Tenochtitlan.

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• The Aztecs were ruled over by an emperor. What was his name? Describe what the emperor looked like.

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• Who conquered Tenochtitlan in 1521? In what ways did the newcomers differ from the Aztecs?

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• The newcomers built a new city on the site of Tenochtitlan. What was the city called?