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Chapter 24: The Aztecs (pgs. 271-277)

Questions:

Answers:

1) How and why did the Aztecs settle in the Valley of Mexico? (pgs. 272-273)

The name Aztec comes from _____, the Mexica's legendary _____ . According to Aztec _____, Aztlan was an _____ in a lake to the northwest of the Valley of _____. The Aztecs had left the island around _____ CE. They wandered through the _____ of northern _____ for many years before coming to the Valley of Mexico.

2) Describe the city of Tenochtitlan. (pgs. 274-275)

At the _____ of the city--both physically and spiritually--lay a large ceremonial _____. Here the Aztecs gathered for religious _____, _____, and _____. Inside the plaza, a stone _____ called the Great _____ loomed _____ feet into the sky. Just outside the plaza stood the _____ palace. The city's main marketplace was located in the northern section, in _____. Three _____ linked the island to the mainland.

3) What were chinampas? Why were they important? (pg. 274)

Chinampas are small _____, like "_____" that were used to make more room for farming.

4) What was the purpose of Aztec warfare? What did the Aztecs hope to gain from conquering nearby cities? (pgs. 276-277)

The demands of the _____ made war the _____ of Aztec life. Successful _____ allow the Aztecs to _____ their sources of _____. They also gained more _____, _____, and _____. The people from the conquered cities had to pay _____, honor the god _____, and promise _____ to the Aztec _____.

Summary: 3-4 sentence paragraph describing what you learned.

