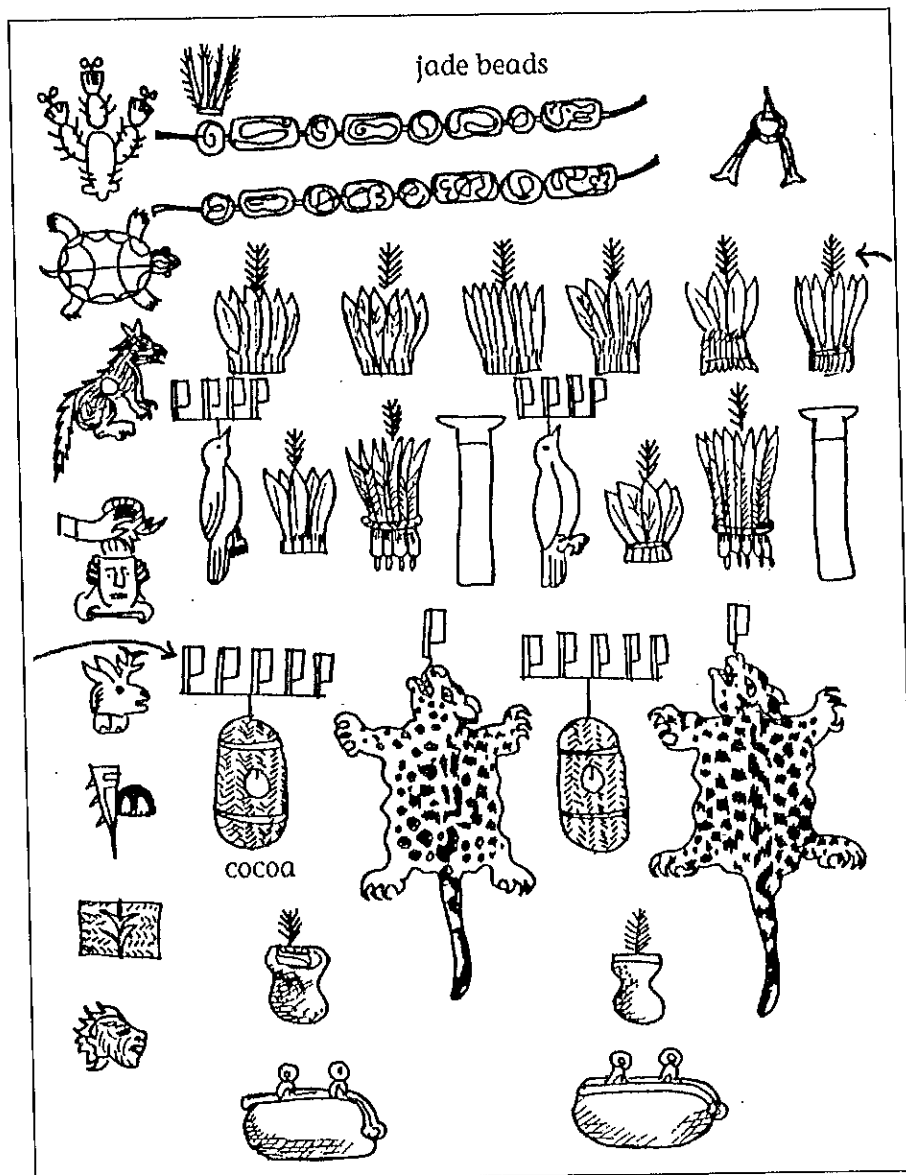


Aztec Writing

The Aztecs wrote in pictures: Some had symbolic meaning, but most pictures were literal, representing exactly what they were. When Aztec warriors conquered a village, they demanded that the citizens pay them taxes or a *tribute*, a list of goods they expected to be given. The list of each town's tribute was listed in a codex made from deerskin or bark.

The codex page below lists a tribute that a village was required to give the Aztecs each year.

1. Discuss the pictures with a partner. Use your imaginations to decide what each symbol represents.
2. Make a list of what you think the list included and how many there are of each item.
3. Color the codex page, cut it out, and glue it into a codex along with your list.



The fir tree symbol equals 400.

Each flag equals 20.

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