



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.

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

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

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