

Unit 2

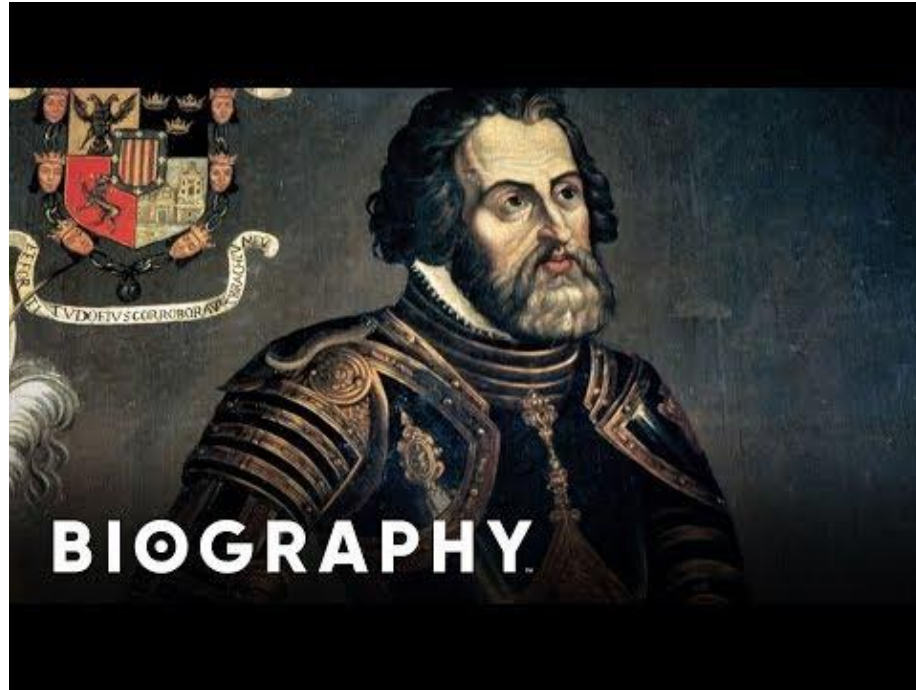
Exploration and Columbian Exchange

Day 3

Starter

How were the Aztec people affected by Cortes's arrival?

Hernan Cortes



Aztec Empire

Location: Lower Mexico

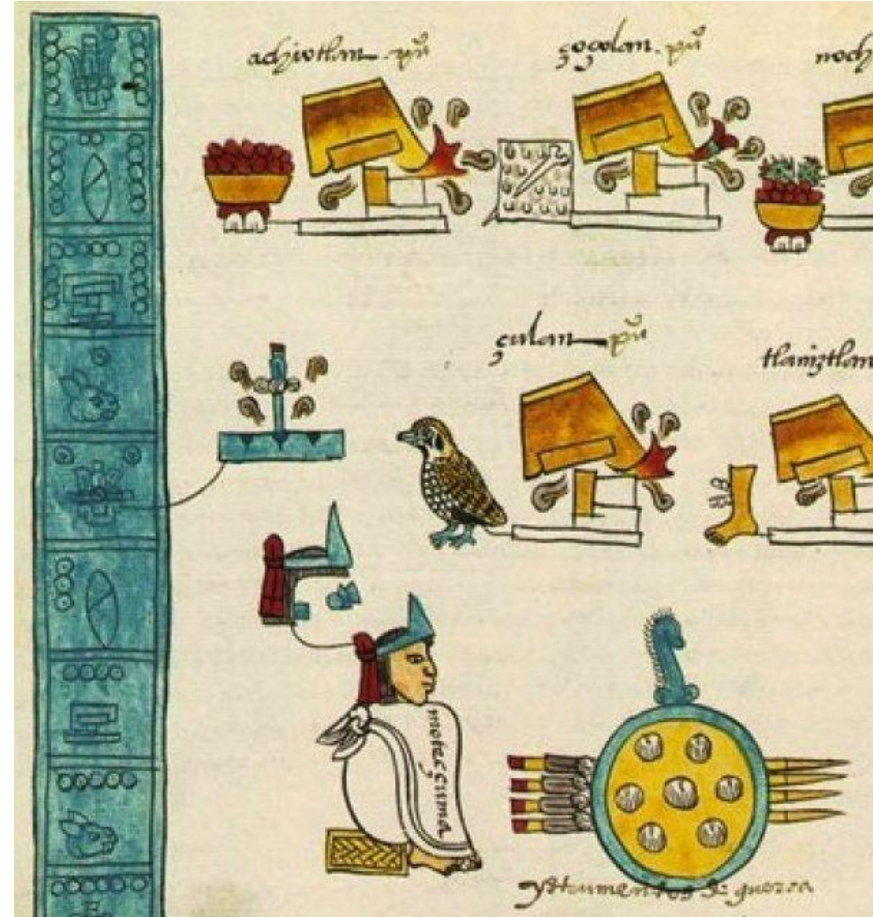
Years: 1100 AD -1521 AD

Capital City: Tenochtitlan



Montezuma (Moctezuma)

1. 1466-1520 Ninth Emperor of Aztec Empire
2. Became Emperor when it was at its largest
 - a. Smaller tribes in the Empire are displeased with his rule and team up with Cortes when he captures Montezuma
3. The Aztecs were waiting for a bearded god named Quetzalcoatl to return and rule over the empire
 - a. Welcome Cortes initially because they believe he could be Quetzalcoatl
 - b. Cortes takes advantage of this belief



ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What happened when Moctezuma met Cortés?

Moctezuma and Cortes Packet