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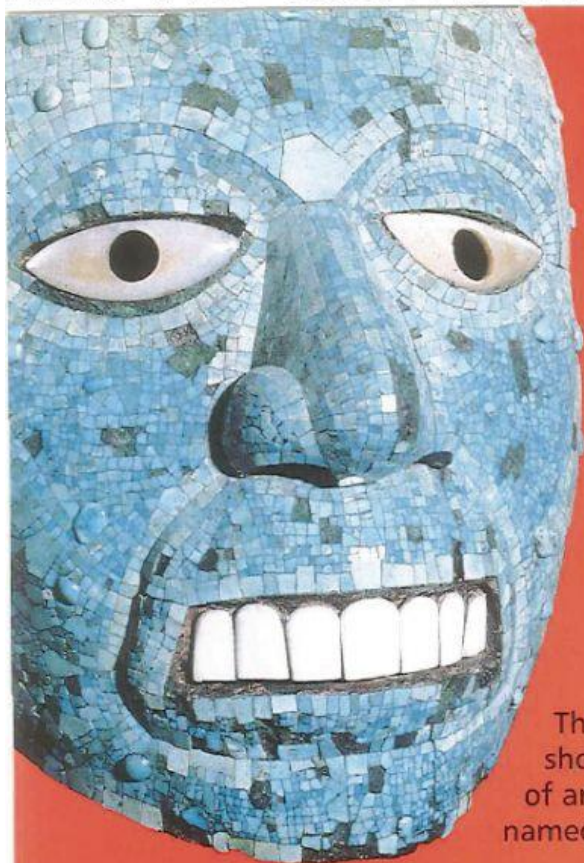
TOPIC: Aztec Life

Watch this Video:

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Narration: Type exactly what your child remembers below, only what they remember, after watching the video once. 3 points are expected.

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550 years ago

Aztec life

The Aztecs lived in what is now Mexico. They were fierce warriors and were often at war with other groups of people nearby. Winning wars gave the Aztecs lots of new land and they became very powerful.

This scary mask shows the face of an Aztec god named Quetzalcoatl.



The best Aztec warriors were the Eagle knights and Jaguar knights.

Eagle knight

Jaguar knight



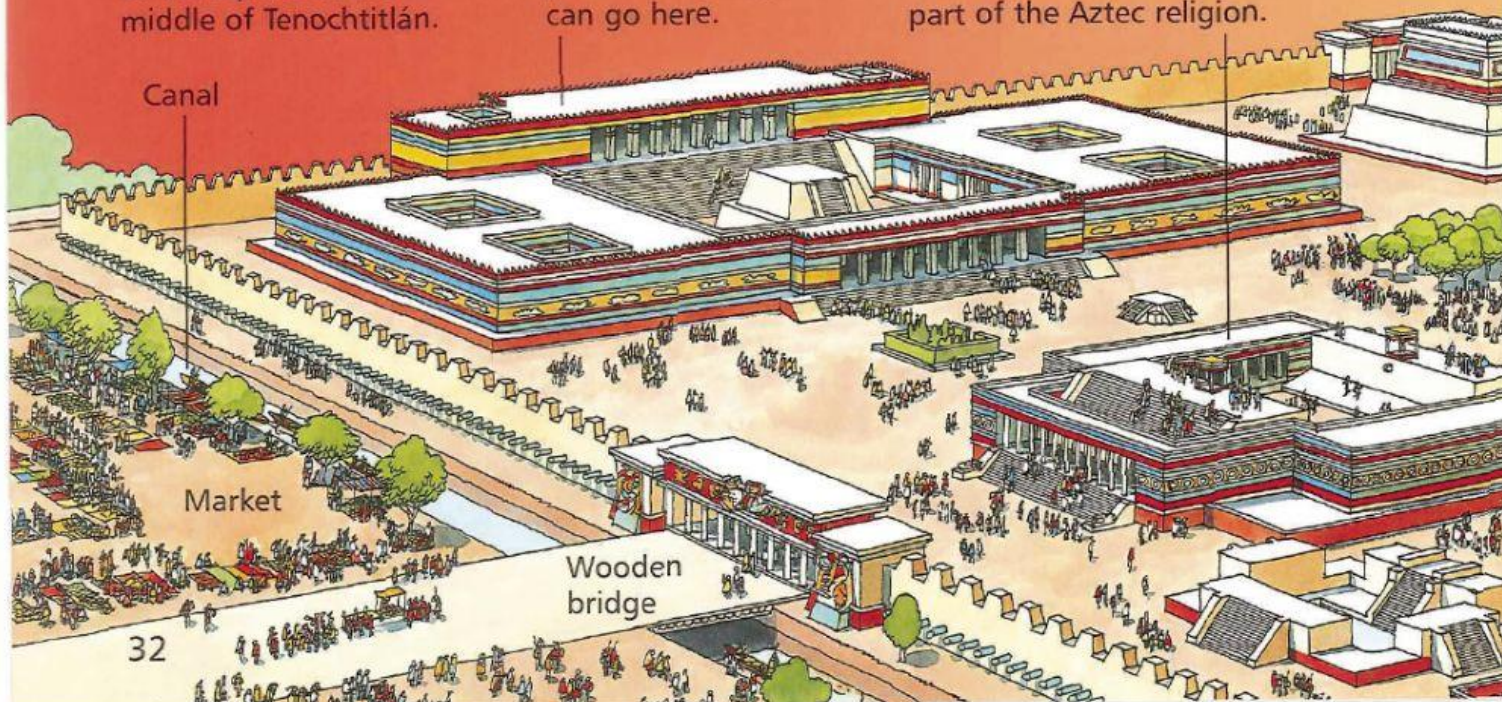
Island city

The Aztecs' capital city was called Tenochtitlán. It was built on some islands near the edge of Lake Texcoco. The islands were joined to the mainland by raised roads. In the middle of the city was a huge square filled with temples.

This picture shows part of the square in the middle of Tenochtitlán.

This is a school for priests. Only boys can go here.

Here, people play a ball game called tlachtli. The game is part of the Aztec religion.



Canal

Market

Wooden bridge

Question 1

Drag the missing words into the sentence.



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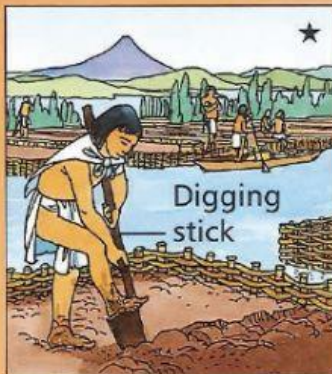
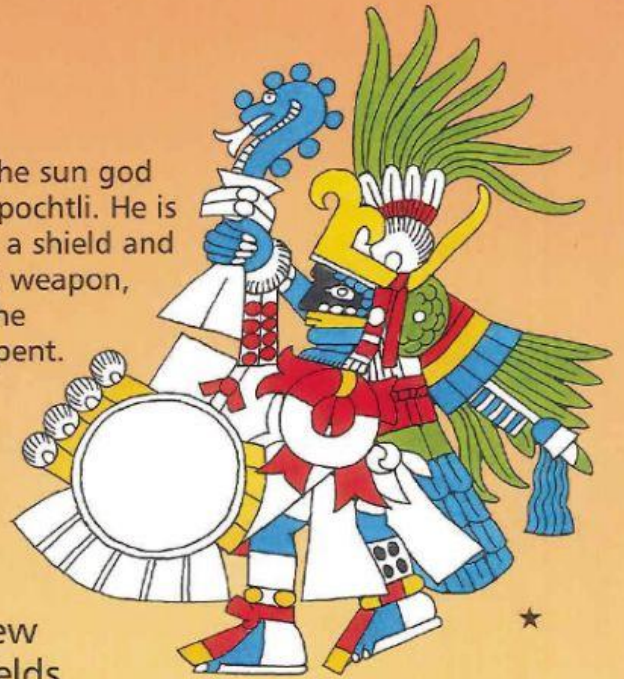
knights

land

Gifts for a god

The Aztecs believed that their sun god needed human hearts to keep him alive. Every year, Aztec priests killed thousands of people and gave their hearts to the god. Most of the people who died like this were enemies who were captured in war.

This is the sun god Huitzilopochtli. He is holding a shield and a magic weapon, called the Fire Serpent.



Digging stick

Farmers digging the soil in their floating fields

Floating fields

In the lake all around Tenochtitlán, farmers grew food in huge, floating fields. The fields were like giant baskets filled with mud and soil. People grew corn, beans, tomatoes and peppers. They used the corn to bake thin pancakes, called tortillas.

Internet links

For links to websites with pictures, information and quizzes about the Aztecs, go to www.usborne-quicklinks.com

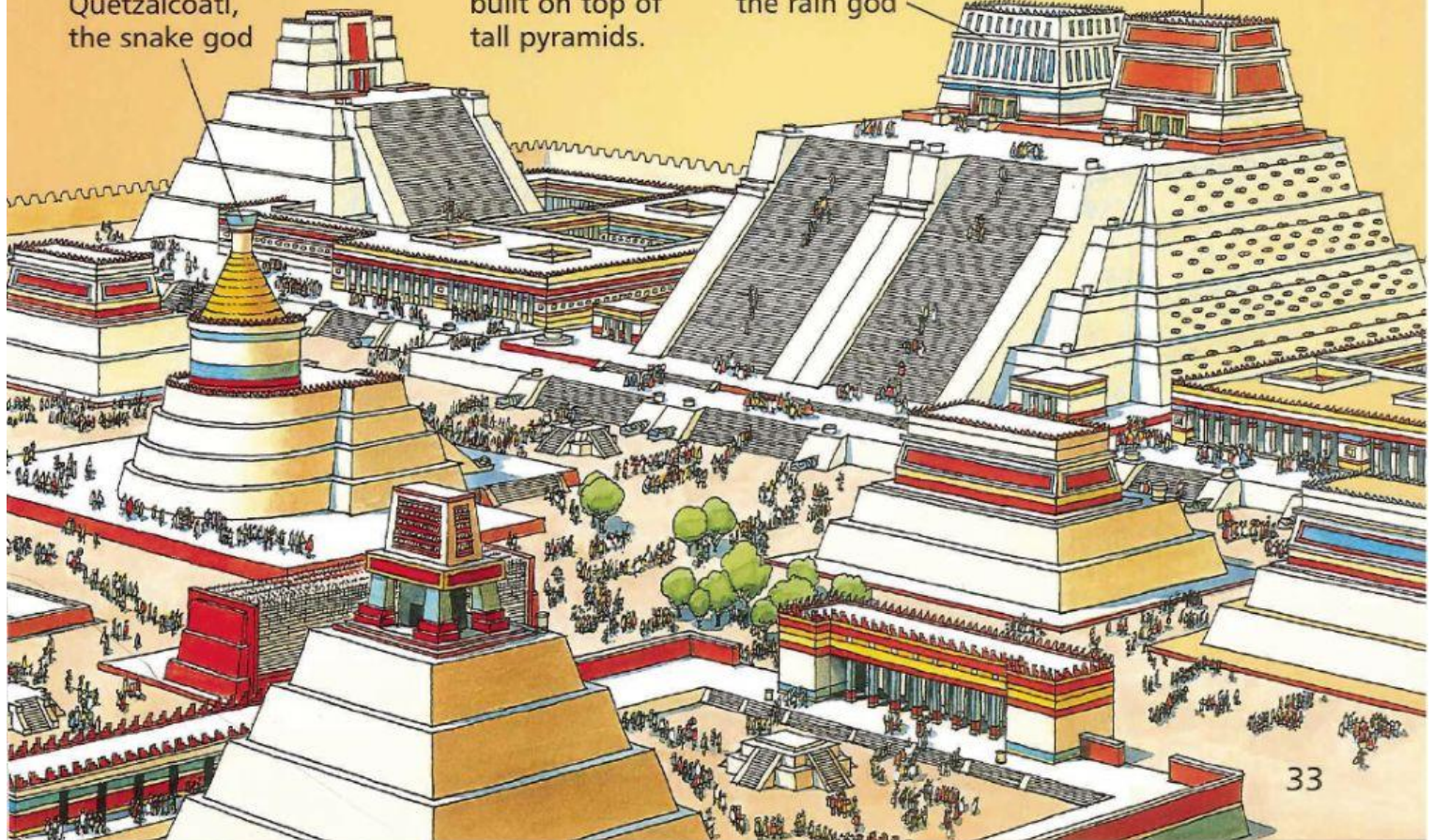


Temple of Huitzilopochtli, the god of sun and war

Temple of Quetzalcoatl, the snake god

The temples are built on top of tall pyramids.

Temple of Tlaloc, the rain god



Question 2

What is in the picture?
Join the Label to the picture.

Aztec sun god



Aztec
Temple



Aztec god of
war



FUN FACT – Did you know that Chocolate was first discovered by the Aztec & Mayan people.

Question 3

What did the Aztec people farm?
Only tick the correct pictures.

