



THE AZTECS

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Read about this old civilization

The Aztecs lived in Mexico about 700 years ago. Their biggest city was Tenochtitlan. Palaces and temples were made of stone and houses were made of wood. There was only one room in the house. There weren't any

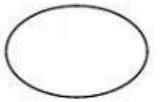


windows and they lit the room with small torches. Around the city the Aztecs had farms and they planted fruit and vegetables. They used different tools to help them. They hunted and fished, too.

Aztec children learned at home. When they were fourteen years old they started school. Boys and girls went to school. At school boys learned to read and write. They didn't write words, they used pictures called "hieroglyphics". Girls learned to cook and sew. Older children helped with chores around the house and in the garden.



The Aztecs loved games. They played a ball game on a special sports field. They also liked songs and plays. They had theatres in their cities. In the theatres, they watched plays and shows. At festivals they watched people doing gymnastics and dancing.



1) Read and choose: Yes, they did. or No, they didn't.

- a- Did children go to school when they were six? _____
- b- Did the Aztecs like playing games? _____
- c- Did they have a cinema in their city? _____
- d- Did they watch movies? _____
- e- Did people have electric light? _____

2) Read and match the halves.

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| 1. Aztecs planted fruit and vegetables | to read and write. |
| 2. Before they were fourteen years old, | theatres in the cities. |
| 3. At school, boys learned | in their farms. |
| 4. Girls | didn't learn to read and write. |
| 5. There were | children learned at home. |