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performed

religious

worshipping

blood

looking after

elaborate

offering

caused

destruction

believed

The Aztecs were very 1._____. They believed that their gods 2._____ the sun to rise, rain to fall, crops to grow and fire to burn. The Aztecs 3._____ that they lived in the fifth or five eras or suns. Eventually this era would come to an end, but they thought that if they kept 4._____ and feeding their gods, the time of 5._____ would be delayed. They fed their gods with human 6._____, which meant sacrificing people: especially prisoners of war, on top of pyramids in front of temples. They had lots of 7._____ ceremonies to honor their gods. The timing of these was determined by the sacred calendar highlighting important farming events such as planting, rainfall or harvest. Priests 8._____ the rituals. They lived in the temple and spent time 9._____ sacred fires, praying and 10._____ incense. They dyed their bodies black, wore black clothes and never cut their hair.

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married

choose

bride

back

nobles

matchmaker

feast

coats

suggestion

women

The Aztec men, both 1._____ and commoners, got married when they were about 20 years old. Upper class marriages were arranged, usually by a professional 2._____. Lower class marriages, parents did help their children decide who to marry, but girls could say no to their parent's 3._____. They did have the right to 4._____ who to marry. The bride's family gave a 5._____ in honor of the marriage.

The feast could last for several days. On the day a woman married, she was carried piggyback, on the 6. _____ of the matchmaker, who delivered her to her new home. The matchmakers were usually old 7. _____.

After the 8. _____ arrived at her husband's home, the bride and groom tied their 9. _____ together in front of the hearth, or cooking area, of his home. Once their coats were tied, they were 10. _____.