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SSWH8a Engineering an Empire: The Aztecs

Directions: 1. Read each statement and attempt to fill in the missing information. 2. As you view the movie check/edit/complete the statements.

1. The Aztecs rivaled _____ in its sophistication in design and engineering.
2. European explorers called the Aztec capital the _____ of the New World.
3. The Aztecs engaged in human sacrifice because they believed _____.
4. The capital was built in Lake _____ after the Aztecs were banished there by rival forces.
5. The Aztec capital, _____, does not exist today because this modern day city, _____, was built on top of it.
6. The Aztec capital was modeled after Teotihuacan, _____.
7. Since there was no foundation to build on the Aztecs drove _____ deep into the ground to serve as a foundation.
8. Aztecs used _____ to connect their floating city to the mainland provinces.
9. There were no beasts of burden in the Americas so all material transported to the city was done by _____ labor.
10. Aztecs used _____ and _____ to transport water to Tenochtitlan.
11. By _____ the Aztec Empire, under the leadership of Moctezuma, contained _____ million people.
12. The biggest threat to Tenochtitlan was _____. To solve this problem _____ were built to protect the city.
13. Chinampas, _____, greatly increased the farmland to grow food for the rising population.
14. Ahuitzotl, Aztec leader from 1486-1502, greatly expanded the empire. A network of super _____ was built to help with _____.
15. To honor the gods, a massive pyramid known as the _____ was built. It featured _____ staircases, one for _____ and the other for _____. The temple was rebuilt _____ times. As the empire grew so did the pyramid. The temple was discovered in _____.

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16. The sacrifice of human blood, known as _____ water, was used as a _____ and _____ statement.

17. The Aztec empire reached its peak under Moctezuma II. The empire covered _____ square miles and contained _____ million people.

18. Moctezuma II and the nobles were rich from _____ the surrounding _____ - _____ were forced to pay.

19. The _____, led by _____, arrived in _____ and astonished the indigenous population with their _____ and animals they never seen before _____.

20. Moctezuma II was captured by the Spanish soldiers and was made into a puppet ruler. Eventually, the Aztecs and the Spanish broke into massive warfare. The Spanish cut the Aztecs off from the mainland and by _____ the Aztecs were defeated. By the end of the _____ century the native population was reduced approximately by _____ percent as a result of _____.