



Aztec

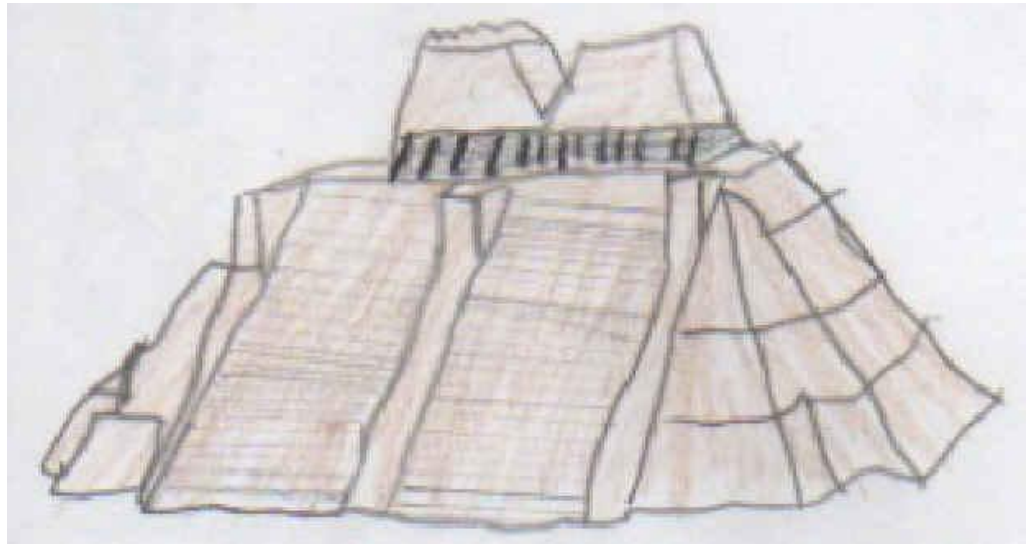
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Religions

The Aztecs had many gods. Their first god was the God of the Sun, Huizilopochtli. They other gods like Tlaloo who was the god of rain. Xip Totec who was the god of spring and there were many other gods. They made human sacrifices to keep the sun crossing the sky. Sacrifices were not what their religion was all about. Sports, dancing and enjoying themselves was part of their religion also.

Dwelling

In the beginning they lived in the swamps by the lake. There they lived in mud huts. In the 14 th century they founded a colony on an island nearby called Tlatelolco. Two hundred years later they made a great city out of stone and mud bricks. They made huge temples for their gods.



Clothing



The Aztec made their own clothes. The women spun cotton into thread and dyed them into vivid colors. Craftsmen made cloaks, headdresses and banners from colorful bird feathers. Women wore skirts around their hips or waist. The men wore a cloak with no sleeves. They also carried a small bag under their cloak. The bag was to carry cocoa leaves that were like tobacco leaves. The rulers wore the colorful clothes. The peasants weren't allowed to dress lavishly.

