

I researched the Central American tribe, the Aztecs. I was curious about their culture, with how they lived their lives everyday, and what they commonly ate during that time. Lastly, I searched about how the Aztec Empire ended.

Aztec Warriors wore eagles and jaguars during war or battle because it shows the bravery of the user. The god of war, known as "Huitzilopochtli," also wore an eagle. On an average Aztec day, children go to school, women learn how to cook, and craft, and men usually go hunt and train to fight. That is what every person did that lived in the Aztec Empire at the time.

The Aztecs preferred farming. They usually farmed pepper, corn/maze, avocados, beans, and tomatoes. They eat this as part of the Aztec cuisine. They rarely ate meat because it was sparse at the time. The Aztecs drank an old beverage called "Iztac Octli." It is first fermented, then it is able to be drank. The Aztecs even made alcohol! It was made from fermented maize, honey cacti, pineapple, and other plants or fruits. The rich Aztecs got their hands on cocoa, but only they could afford it.

Near the end of the fall of the Aztec Empire, the Spanish invaders led by Hernán Cortés arrived in Central Mexico. The Aztec Ruler Montezuma II tried to make peace and invited them to Tenochtitlan, but the Spanish refused and Aztec people rebelled. The Spanish brought over diseases like smallpox killing over 1 million Aztecs and later causing the empire to fall. The Aztec capital now today is the capital of Mexico, Mexico City. Even ancient ruins are still there.

In the research of the Aztec Civilization, I learned that they lived in the Central Americas. They rarely ate meat and they are vegetarians. They also discovered the cocoa pod, which only the rich could afford at the time. It is very impressive that they already had an advanced civilization 200 years before the Spanish came to invade. The Aztec temples still exist today in Mexico City. I'm still impressed that the temples are still standing to this day.

Based on my research, what it means to be human means our point on earth is

to take care of the creations of the Gods. We are also the enemy and friend of the earth. There is no perfect human in existence. All of our sins cause the jar of tears to fill up. But if we do something good like a sacrifice in return, the jar will stop filling up. I think the life lesson that this is telling us is...

“If you give something, you might get something back in return.”