

Chapter 13: Mexico

Section 2: A Brief History of Mexico

Section 2: Natives and Conquests

Directions: Complete the chart with details from the text.

Maya	Aztec
Rise	Rise
Accomplishments	Accomplishments
Fall	Fall

Directions: Answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

1. What advantages did the Spanish have that helped them conquer thousands of Aztecs?

2. Why did Hernán Cortés seek to conquer the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlán?

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3. How did the Spanish monarchy control the conquered lands of New Spain?

4. Why was the religion of the Aztecs so different from that of the Roman Catholic Spanish?

Directions: For each question, write the letter of the BEST response on the line beside each question.

_____ 5. Who was the leader and inspiration for Mexican revolution and independence?
a. Amerigo Vespucci
b. Hernán Cortés
c. Miguel Hidalgo
d. Zapata

_____ 6. What was the slogan that became the rallying cry for Mexican independence?
a. God Wills It!
b. Grito de Dolores!
c. Grito de Mexico!
d. Viva la Mexico!

_____ 7. Who are people of mixed Spanish and indigenous ancestry?
a. Gringos
b. Mestizo
c. Mexicans
d. Zapatistas

_____ 8. What state fought and won independence from Mexico and Santa Anna?
a. California
b. New Mexico
c. Nevada
d. Texas

_____ 9. How was the border that still exists today between the United States and Mexico settled?
a. Arizona Purchase
b. California Purchase
c. Gadsden Purchase
d. New Mexico Purchase

