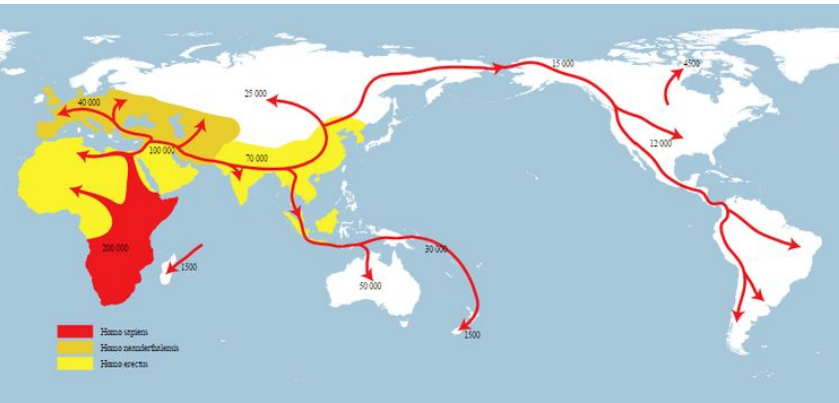
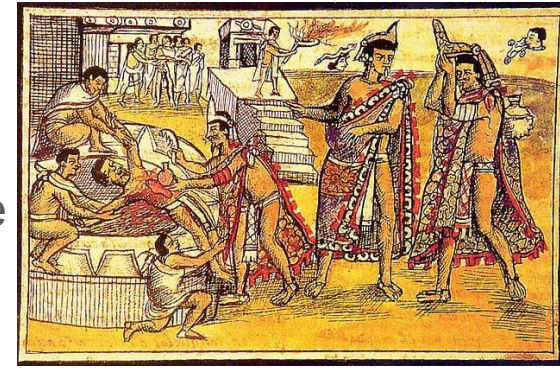
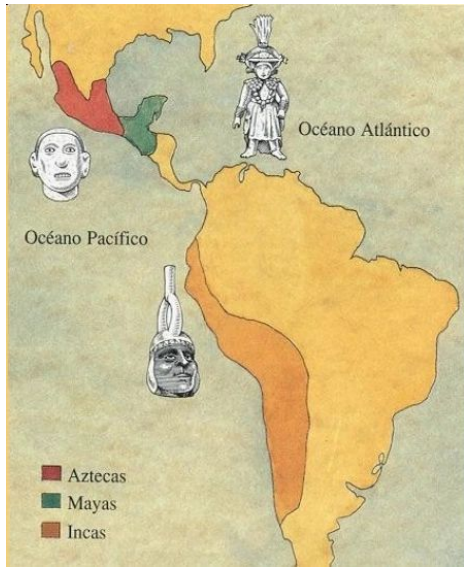


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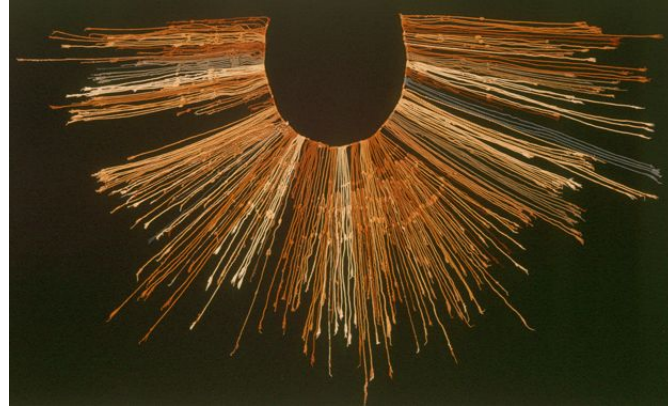
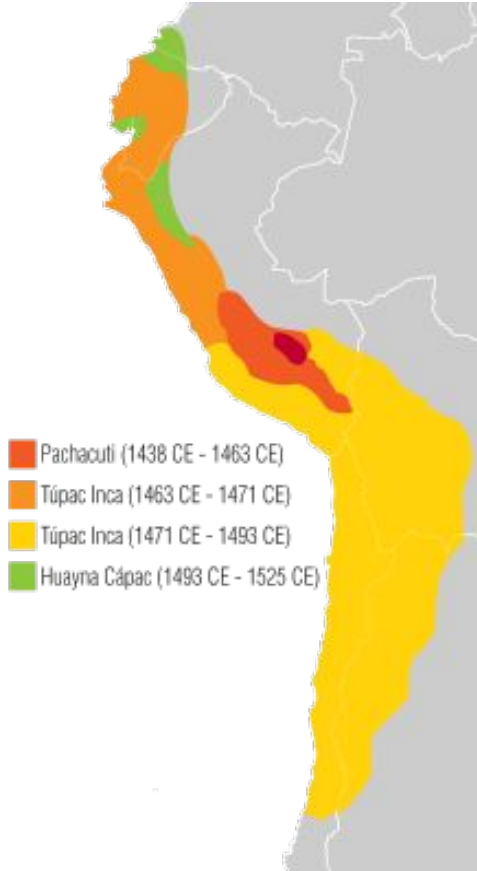


# Misconceptions

and some useful general knowledge



# The Inca (Tawantinsuyu)



Quipo



# Maya



# Mesoamerica

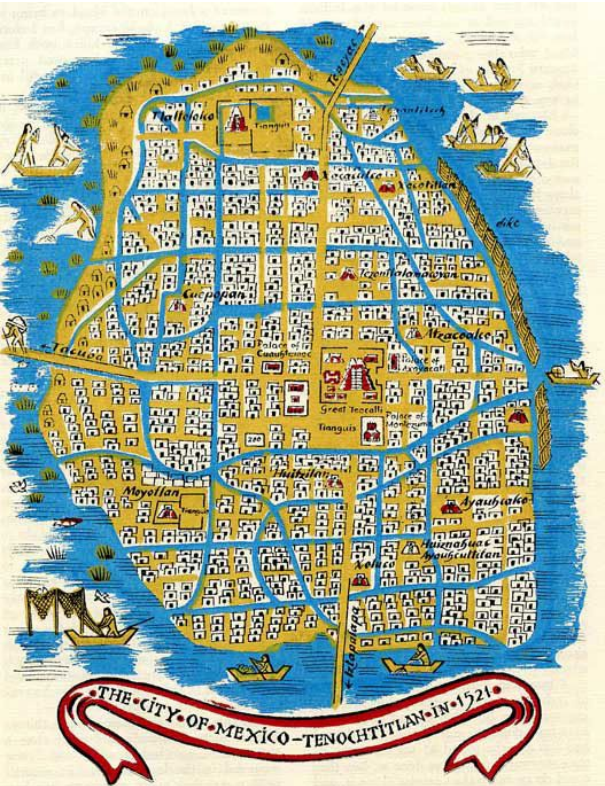


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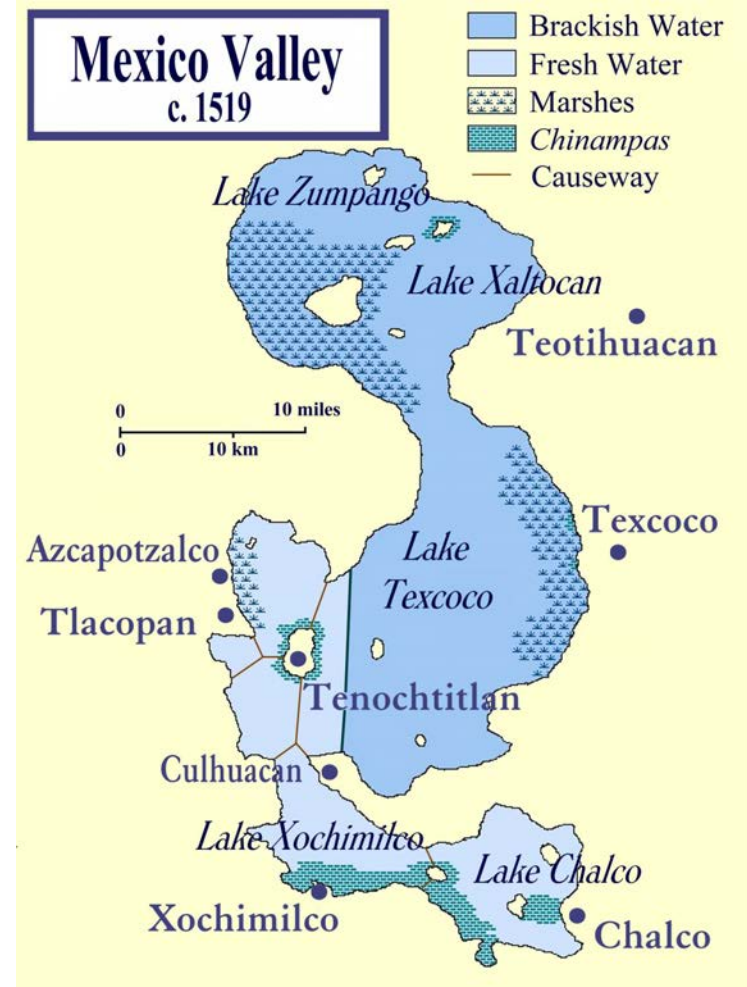




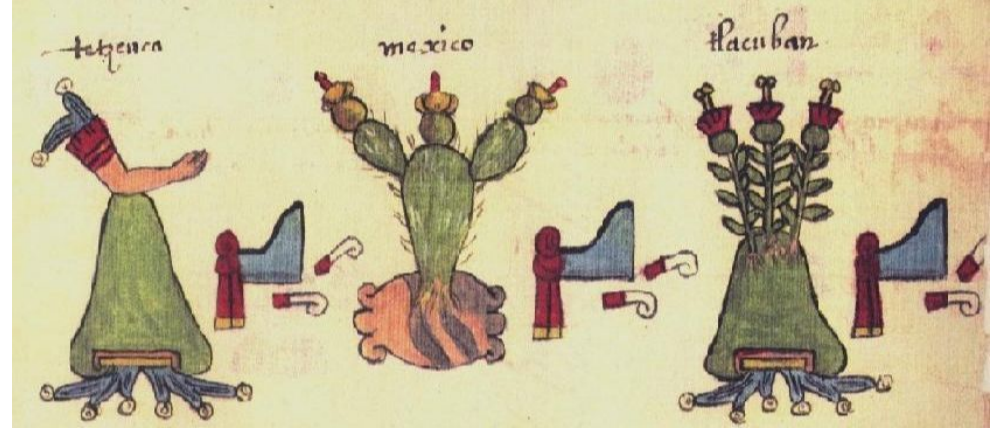
# Tenochtitlan



“So large a market place  
and so full of people, and  
so well regulated and  
arranged, they had never  
beheld before”



# Foundations



Itzcoatl



Tlaccateotl



# Religion



Quetzalcoatl



Huītzilōpōchtli

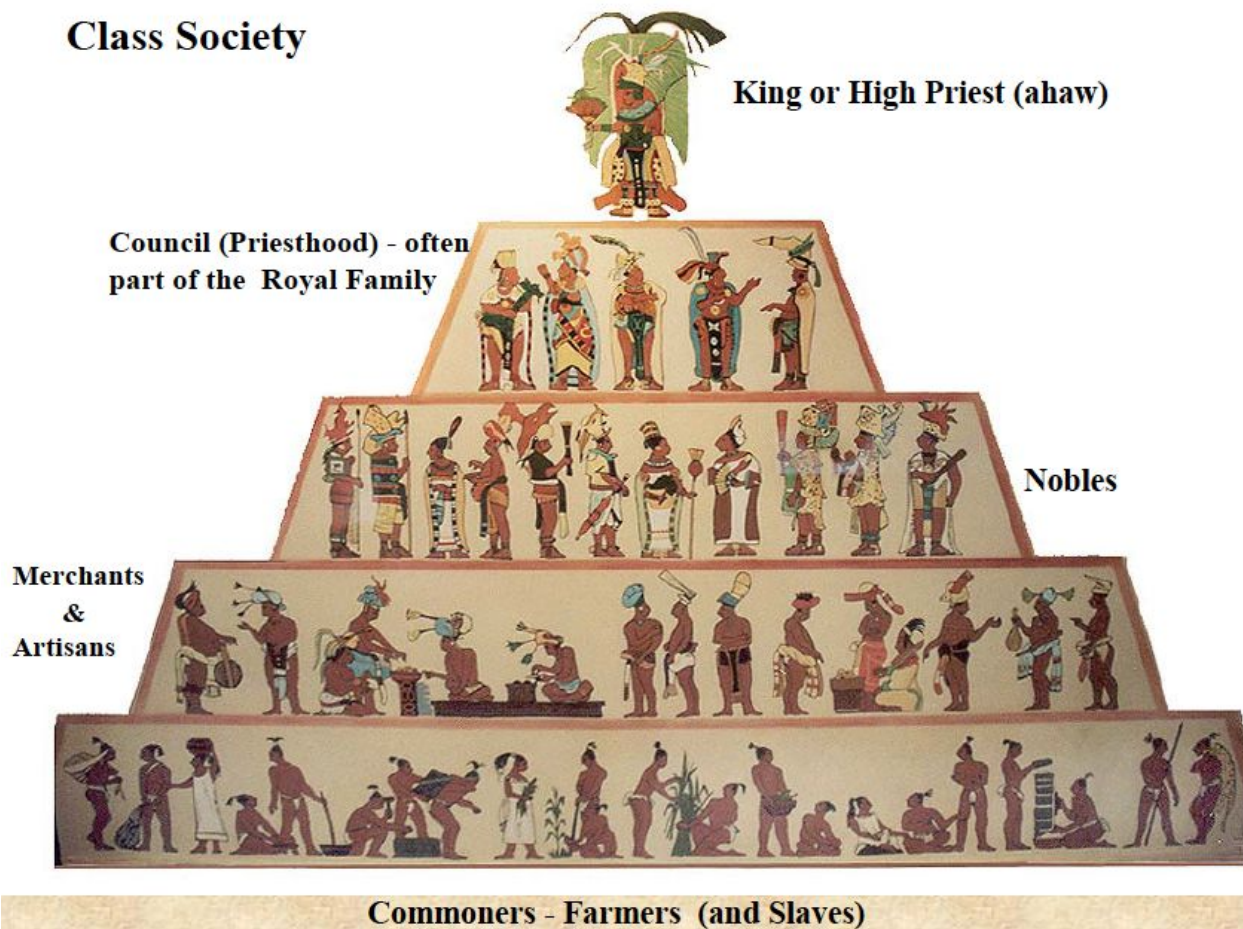
# Warfare





# Administration and Society

## Class Society



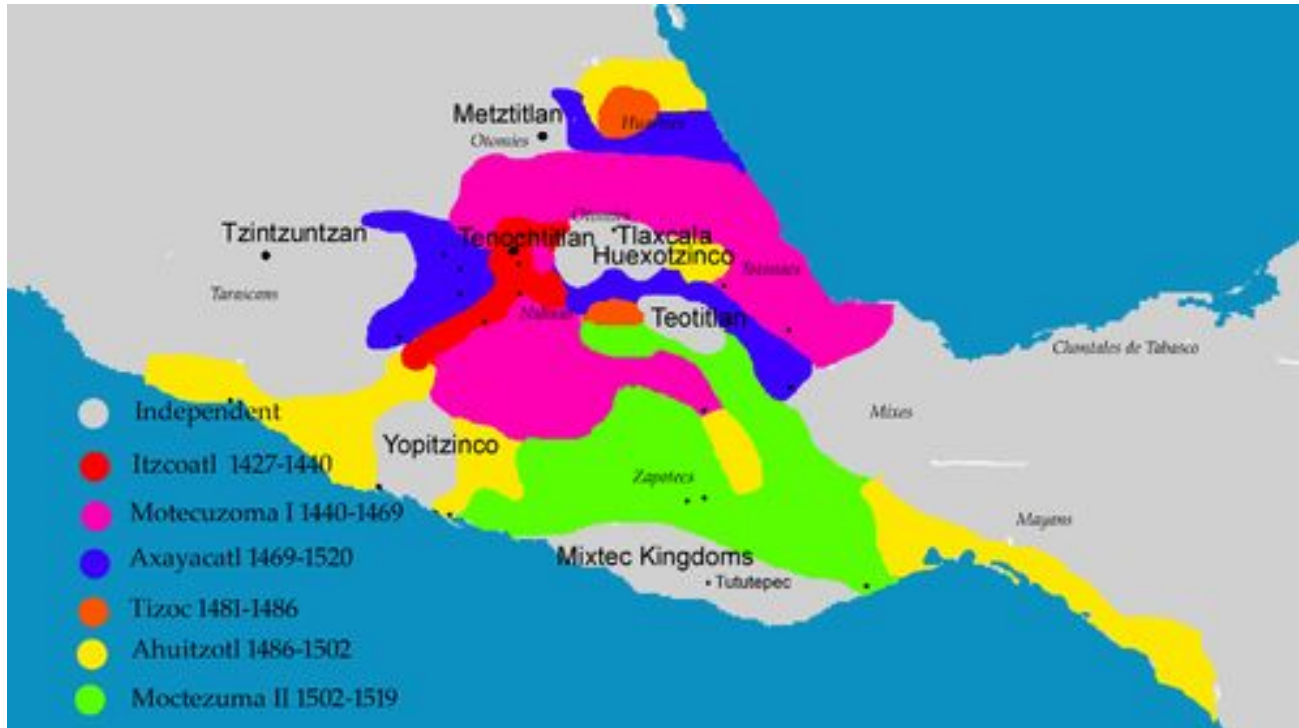
# Calendars and Writing



Xihpohualli  
'Year count'



# Hegemony



# The Spanish Conquest 1519-1521



The Spaniards Land in Mexico by Louis Siqueira Campos



Storming of the Teocalli by Cortez and His Troops. By Emanuel Leutze in 1848



# Important People



Cortes



La Malinche



Velazquez



Moctezuma II



Alvarado



Cuiclahuac

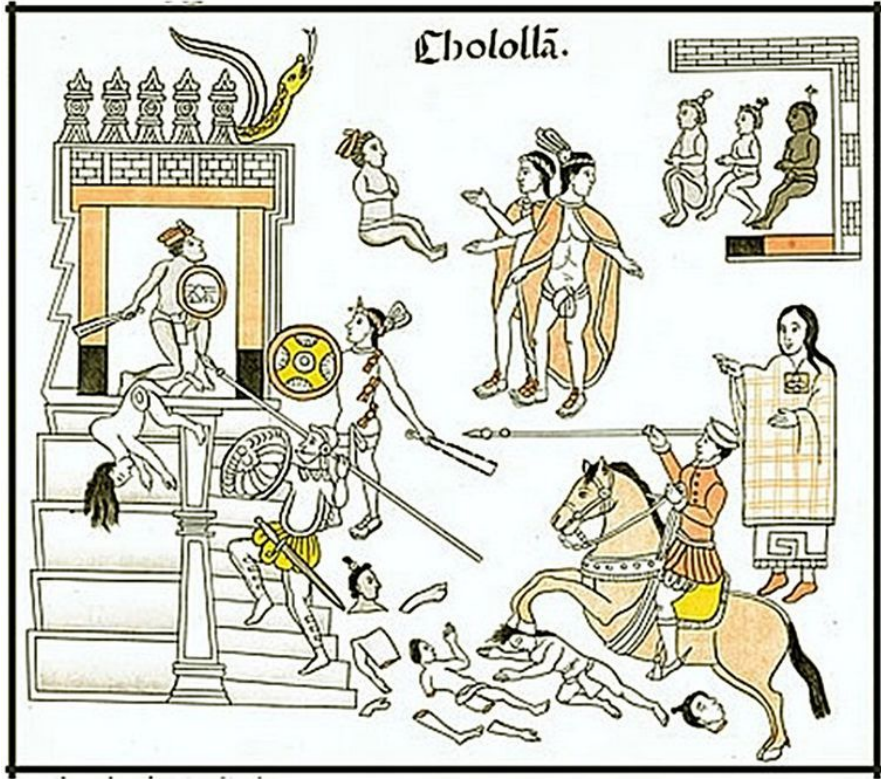
# Cortes Allies with the Natives



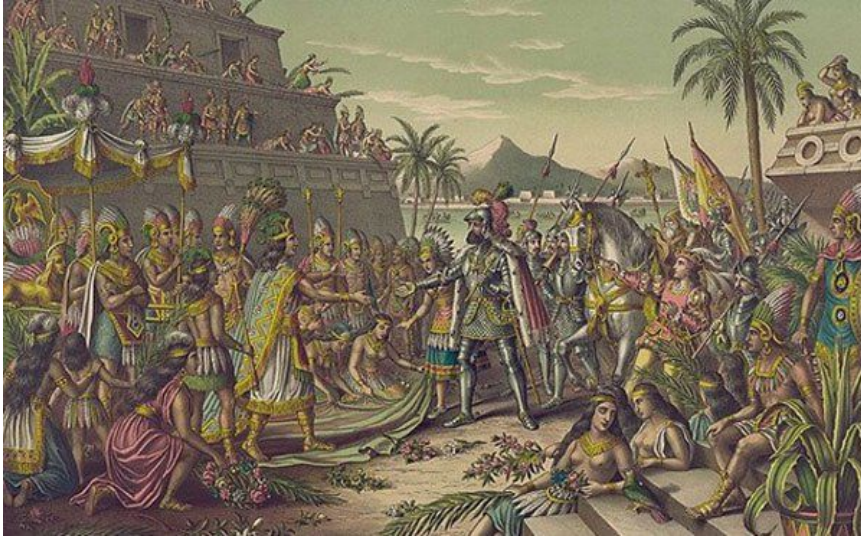
Tlaxcala city. Palacio de Gobierno: Murals by Desiderio Hernandez  
Xochitiotzin - Discussions between Taxcaltecs and Hernan Cortes.



# The Spanish kill the natives pt.1 (Massacre of Cholula)

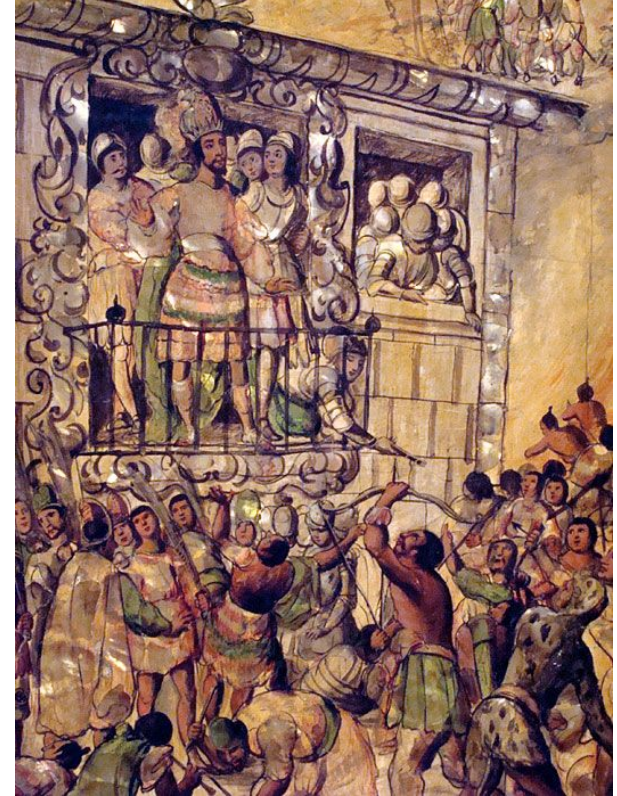
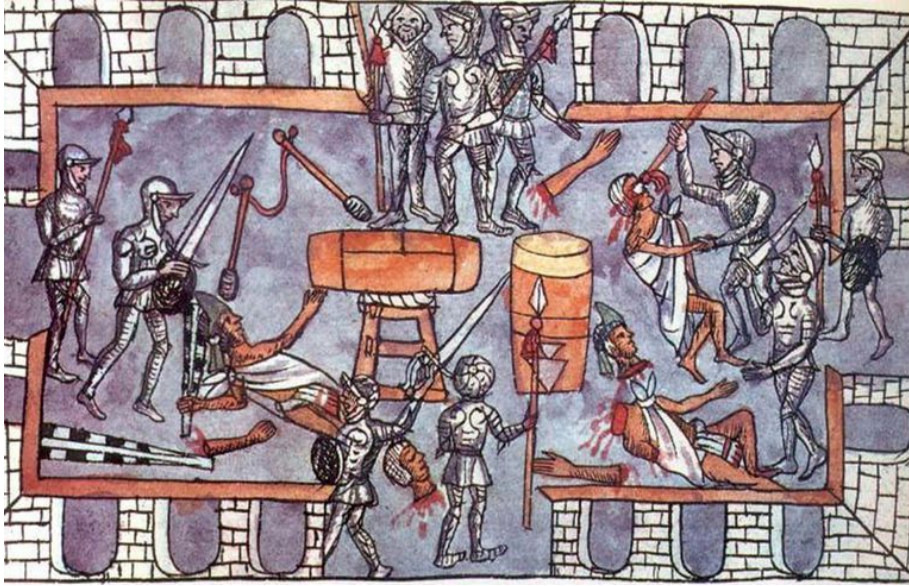


# Cortes In Tenochtitlan





# The Spanish kill the natives pt.2 (Massacre of Toxcatl)



# The Natives Kill the Spanish (The Night of Sorrow)





# The Siege of Tenochtitlan



Belligerents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Crown of Castile</li> <li> Confederacy of Tlaxcala</li> <li> Texcoco</li> <li> Otomis</li> <li> Xochimilco</li> <li> Mixquic</li> <li> Iztapalapa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Triple Alliance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Tenochtitlan</li> <li> Tlatelolco</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Commanders and leaders	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Hernán Cortés</li> <li> Gonzalo de Sandoval</li> <li> Pedro de Alvarado</li> <li> Cristóbal de Olid</li> <li> Xicotencatl I</li> <li> Xicotencatl II </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Cuauhtémoc <span>(POW)</span></li> </ul>
Strength	
16 cannons <sup>[1]</sup> 13 lake brigantines 80,000–200,000 native allies 90–100 cavalry 900–1,300 infantry <sup>[1]</sup>	80,000–300,000 warriors <sup>[2]</sup> 400 war pirogues <sup>[3]</sup>
Casualties and losses	
450–860 Spanish <sup>[1]</sup> 20,000 Tlaxcallan	100,000 killed in action <sup>[4]</sup> 300 war canoes sunk <sup>[3]</sup> At least 40,000 Aztecs civilians killed and captured, <sup>[5]</sup> other sources claim 100,000 <sup>[6]</sup> to 240,000 <sup>[7][8]</sup> were killed in the campaign overall including warriors and civilians

# Conclusion

“And all these misfortunes befell us. We saw them and wondered at them; we suffered this unhappy fate.

Broken Spears lie in the roads;  
we have torn our hair with our grief.  
The houses are roofless now, and their walls  
are red with blood.

Worms are swarming in the streets and plazas,  
and the walls are splattered with gore.  
The water has turned red, as if it were dyed,  
and when we drink it,  
it has the taste of brine.

We have pounded our hands in despair  
against the adobe walls,  
for our inheritance, our city, is lost and dead.  
The shields of our warriors were its defence,  
but they could not save it

We have chewed dry twigs and salt grasses;  
we have filled our mouths with dust and bits of adobe;  
we have eaten lizards, rats and worms...

When we had meat, we ate it almost raw. It was scarcely on the fire before we snatched it and gobbled it down. They set a price on all of us: on the young men, the priests, the boys and girls. The price of a poor man was only two handfuls of corn, or ten cakes made from mosses or twenty cakes of salty couch-grass. Gold, jade, rich cloths, quetzal feathers- everything that once was precious was now considered worthless. The captains delivered several prisoners of war to Cuauhtemoc to be sacrificed. He performed the sacrifices in person, cutting them open with a stone knife.”