

# Introduction to the Aztec Empire- Answer Key

1. **Answers may vary.** Sample Answer: Tenochtitlan is a good location for a capital city because the water acted as a natural barrier of defense from other cities.

2. **Answers may vary.** Sample Answer:



War was an important factor in creating a successful empire. They were able to conquer many towns and demonstrate through dominance. Trade was also an important part of what made their empire so strong because the Aztecs controlled a huge trade network. The next important factor was government because the Aztecs' government was unlike any other during this time. They focused on gaining control of conquered cities. With many people traveling to the city for trade, the Aztecs' economy continued to boom.

3. **Answers may vary.** Sample Answer: The Aztecs were similar to the United States government because both had a powerful military. Both governments also had local governments. One difference is that the Aztec government was a monarchy and the United States government is a republic.

4. **Answers may vary.** Sample Answer: A "marketing controversy" refers to trade conflicts and the monitoring of fair trades. Trade greatly impacted the Aztec Empire bringing more people into the city to purchase and sell items and ultimately, helped the empire to prosper economically.