

Final Exam

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New Mexico History Period 3

5 Important Facts About New Mexico

These are five facts about New Mexico that aren't necessarily imperative to the dwelling of an individual within, but are relevant to New Mexico's conceptual presence as a place of historical and cultural significance. I'll list them in no particular order with a description behind each.

1. The name "New Mexico" isn't named after the modern country "Mexico" but after the ["Valley of Mexico"](#)

The Valley of Mexico has been territory of a few different tribes of past times (in order); [the empire of Teotihuacán](#) (from the years 300 A.D. to 600 A.D.); [the Toltecs](#) (from around 900 A.D. to 1100 A.D.); and [the Aztecs](#) (from 1300 A.D. to around 1600 A.D.). Settlement of the Valley of Mexico, by the Aztecs, was instigated by a shaman, around the time of 1300 A.D., saying to wander until an eagle was found perched on a cactus eating a snake; one such eagle happened to be in the Valley of Mexico. 300 years later (1598), the [viceroyalty of New Spain](#)

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