

## Art of the Aztec Empire

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### LD 2: Aztec and Mesoamerican Internet Sites

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**Introduction:** Since 1995 the number of Internet sites devoted to ancient Mesoamerica and the Aztec has grown exponentially. In order to get a sense of what is currently available online in the way of Mesoamerican and Aztec sites, we will use the Internet in this exercise to investigate the prospects of the Internet for doing “research” on the topic of the Aztecs and other Mesoamerican groups. Because your instructor is well aware of the possibilities of losing our Internet connections to system malfunctions or power outages, we will perform this exercise both in and beyond class.

**Map Note:** Before starting, please make note of the following Internet page with links to maps on Mexico, and the Americas more generally. You may find some maps pertaining to Mesoamerica at: <http://archaeology.monterey.edu/Courses/sbsd348/maplink.html>. See [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map\\_collection/americas/Mexico\\_pol97.jpg](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/americas/Mexico_pol97.jpg) for a map specific to Mexico.

**Instructions:** Use any some of the key words to begin your search of the Internet. If you have never used the Internet, please ask your fellow student or the instructor for assistance in using either Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer to search the World Wide Web. Please note the number of “hits,” or listed sites (and their relevance), that you obtain as a result of using each of the following key words:

Key Word	Matches	Rating (1-10)	Relevance (Y/N)	URL
Aztec or Mexica	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aztec civilization	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aztec empire	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aztec people	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aztec calendar	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aztec sacrifice	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aztec conquest	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aztec warfare	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aztec religion	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aztec origins or Aztlan	_____	_____	_____	_____
Codex Mendoza	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nahuatl language	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mexican manuscripts	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mesoamerica	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mesoamerican writing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mexican civilization	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ancient Mexico	_____	_____	_____	_____