

CHAPTER 12 | LESSON 1 The Aztecs

Reteaching Activity**Finding Main Ideas**

The following questions deal with the Mesoamerican people called the Aztecs. Answer them in the space provided.

1. According to legend, how did the Aztecs decide where to settle in the Valley of Mexico?

2. How did the Aztecs adapt to their environment?

3. What actions of the Aztecs reveal the importance of trade to their economy?

4. What was the class structure of Aztec society and to which class did most people belong?

READING COMPREHENSION

Find the name or term in the second column that best matches the description in the first column. Then write the letter of your answer in the space provided.

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| _____ 5. “floating gardens,” or raised garden beds, that the Aztecs built to make farming more productive | a. Montezuma II |
| _____ 6. Aztec city that is the site of Mexico City today | b. tribute |
| _____ 7. payment that the Aztecs demanded from conquered peoples | c. codex |
| _____ 8. Aztec emperor whose harsh methods and demand for tribute led to revolts | d. Cortés |
| _____ 9. leader who led Spanish troops to victory over the Aztecs | e. <i>chinampas</i> |
| _____ 10. Aztec book made of bark or deerskin marked with colorful symbols | f. Tenochtitlán |