

The Spanish Empire, Silver, & Runaway Inflation: Crash Course World History #25

- 1) Explain the origins of the **Mesoamerican** civilization known as the **Aztecs** (1300-1521) and how their civilization functioned.
- 2) Outline the **territory** conquered by the **Aztecs** (1300-1521) by mapping out the extent of their **empire**.
- 3) Why was it easy for **Hernan Cortes** (1485-1547) to come into **Mexico** and find allies to overthrow the **Aztecs** (1300-1521)?
- 4) Rationalize the strategic importance surrounding the construction of the **Aztec** capital of **Tenochtitlan**.
- 5) Analyze the techniques rulers of the **Incan civilization** (1438-1533) used in order to **assimilate** conquered people into their **empire**.
- 6) Why do YOU think **disease** wiped out much of the **Incan civilization** (1438-1533) soon after the arrival of the **Spanish** in 1532?
- 7) Explain why it was so easy for the **Spanish** to set up a new system of **government** in the **New World** to control the **Incas** and the **Aztecs**.
- 8) Point out the lust **Spanish conquistadors** had for **Aztec** and **Incan gold** and then determine how successful or unsuccessful their attempts were to attain it.

- 9) Show how the **Spanish** borrowed and intensified the **Mit'a system** of the **Inca Empire** (1438-1533) in order to establish the **encomienda system**.