**Unit 7: Engineering an Empire: The Aztecs**

Using the “Engineering an Empire: The Aztecs” video, answer the following questions:

1. Why did the Aztecs perform human sacrifice?
2. Where did the Aztec Empire originate?
3. What is currently at the location where the Aztecs originated?
4. For the Aztecs, what was the major obstacle for architecture?
5. At its height, how many people did the Aztec control?
6. How did the Aztecs solve their food problem?
7. How did Cortes treat the Native Americans he encountered?
8. Why was Malinche important?
9. How did Cortes defeat the Aztec Empire?
10. For centuries, European “white washing” of history has portrayed Native Americans as being without culture and uncivilized. Write a paragraph arguing against this point of view.

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