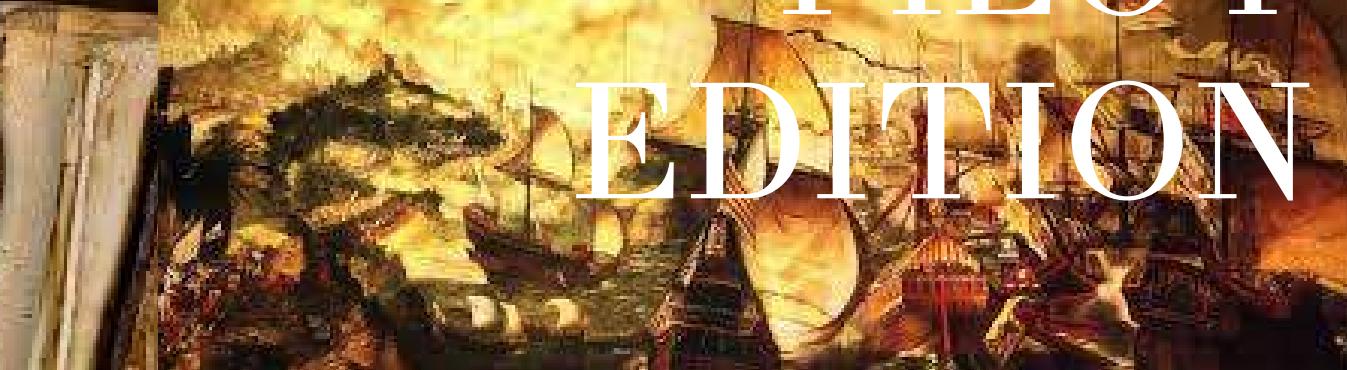
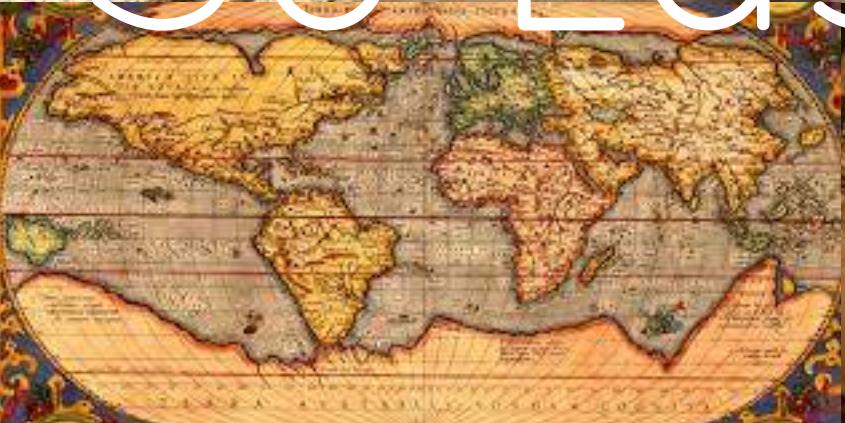


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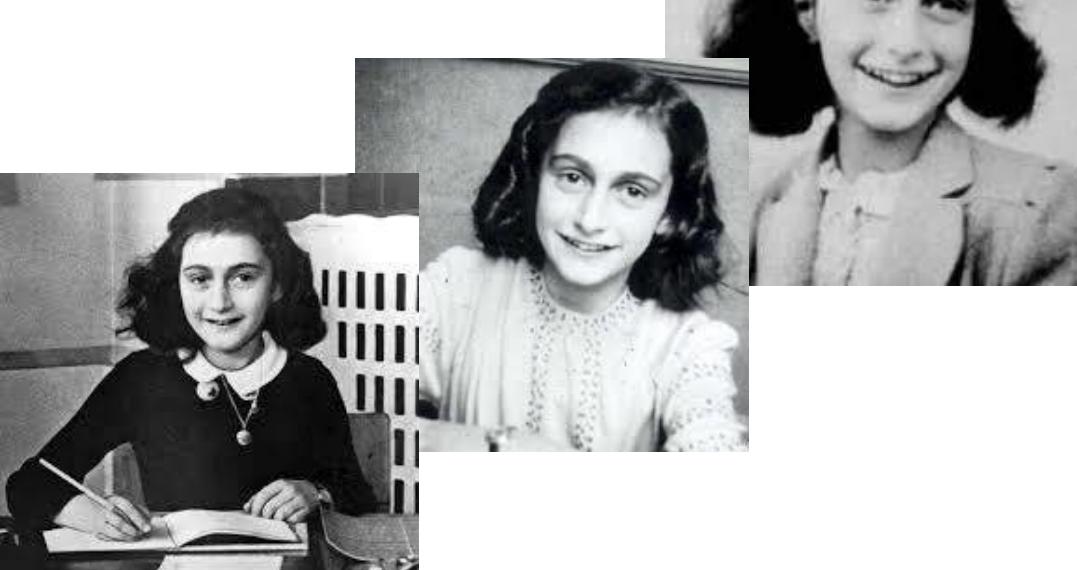
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Anne Frank

by Victoria Woolmer

I'm not going to spend this article repeating everything that you've already heard millions of times about Anne Frank. Yes, she was a child who went into hiding. Yes, she was a Jew and, yes, she did die of Typhus in Bergen Belsen. However, there is more to the girl than that. There has to be more than that to her, otherwise we wouldn't remember her any more than the other 1.5 million children who died the same untimely way.

Furthermore, I suppose that the reason she is so undoubtedly famous is that she provides people with hope and, stealing a quote off of Suzanne Collins "Hope is the only thing stronger than fear". I grant you that the people who read her diary probably don't have the same problems that she faced but at least it is relatable. For me, it is her naive mind, so similar to mine, that makes her stand out from the crowd. The way the diary is written in such a way that makes you instantly form a bond with the mind of the author, as if you are on the same telepathic wave. I feel this is a point that needs to be stressed about her because, personally I feel she is inspirational, not only because of what she went through but because of her passion for words. She understood the power and that is a talent in itself. People should focus on this more because her inspiration shouldn't be bound by the fate she was cursed with, it should be bound by what she wanted to produce and the imagination of her readers.





Anne Frank Book Review

Plot:

Living in the Nazi-occupied Holland, young girl Anne Frank goes into hiding from Adolf Hitler. Her and her family and the Van Daans take refuge in a secret Annex in their house. Days and Months pass by and they survive but live in horror and terror of the Nazis finding them. and one day they do. Anne, Margot (her sister) and Edith (their mother) were split from their father and husband Otto Frank. They were spared of an immediate death at Auschwitz gas chambers and instead are sent to Bergen-Belsen camp. They sadly later died of Typhus.

by Zara Naghibi



Characters:

Anne Frank, Margot Frank, Edith Frank, Otto Frank, Peter Van Daan, Mrs Van Daan, Mr Hans Van Daan, Mr Kraler, Miep Gies

Did you enjoy the book?

I thoroughly enjoyed the book from start finish. It was really gripping and upsetting at the same time because it was sad to hear the terrors her and her family were living in.



Would you recommend the book?

I would recommend the book a lot. But because there are some quite upsetting scenes probably to people aged 11-15

Rating:





Lieutenant Thomas Charles Richard Bromham

by Ellis Brown



I'm Ellis Brown. I have recently found out that my Great Grandad fought in the Great War (WW1), he was serving in France as a lieutenant for the British Army. A few months ago I was lucky enough to be given his victory medal which he received at the end of World War One. His name was Thomas Charles Richard Bromham. I wish I had been able to meet him and ask him about his experiences in World War One, he probably had so many stories. One story I know is when he was sent on a charge to fight the Germans one day he killed a soldier and he took the bayonet that the man he killed had. This is stored in the attic of my Gran and Grandad's house for safe keeping. One day when I'm older I will be able to see it. I feel honored to have had one of my family members fight in World War One and survive and live to grand old age to tell the rest of my family about the experiences he had in the trenches sadly he died in 1974 so I was not lucky enough to hear any stories but I am still proud to say my Great Grandad fought in World War One.



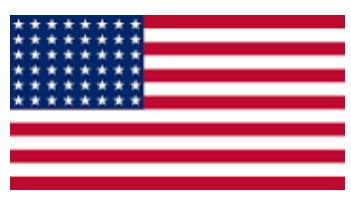
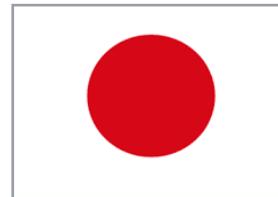
This Day in History

By Zara Naghibi

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Pearl Harbour Attack:

The imperial Japanese navy bombed Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, in hope to keep the USA away from the Japanese to bomb the United Kingdom.



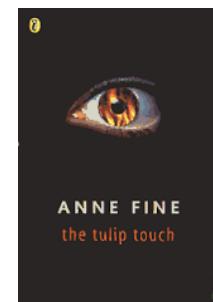
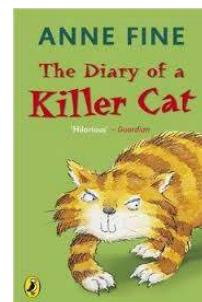
Famous Royal Opera House Opens:

The Royal Opera House opens in Covent Garden, London.



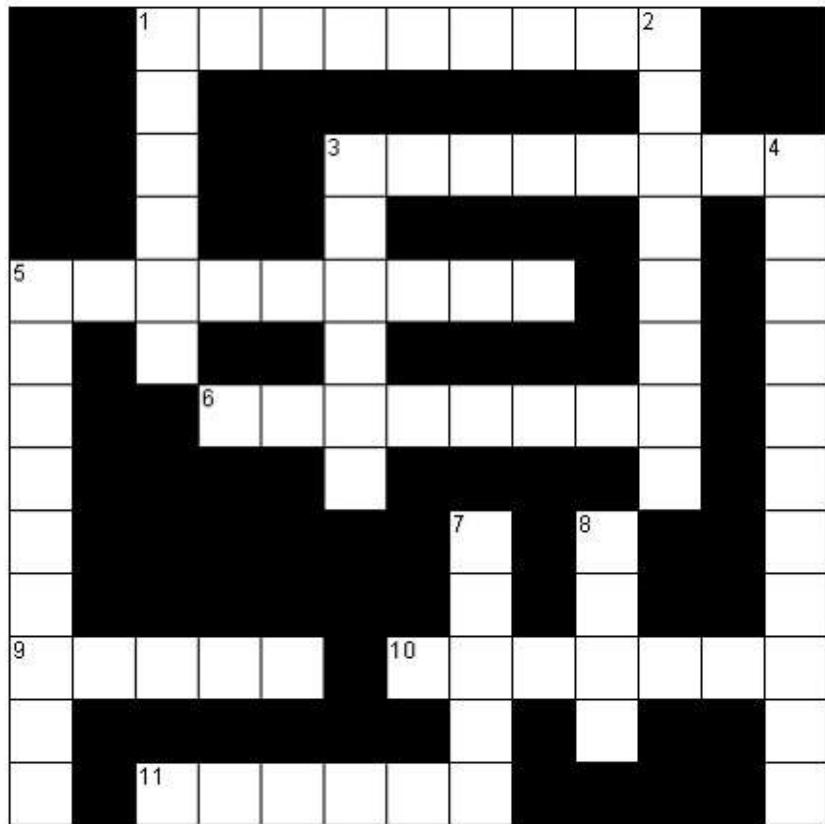
Anne Fine is Born:

She is famous for several books, such as Madame Doubtfire, The Diary of a Killer Cat and several others.



Puzzle Pages

by Katie Sharp and Rebecca Ward



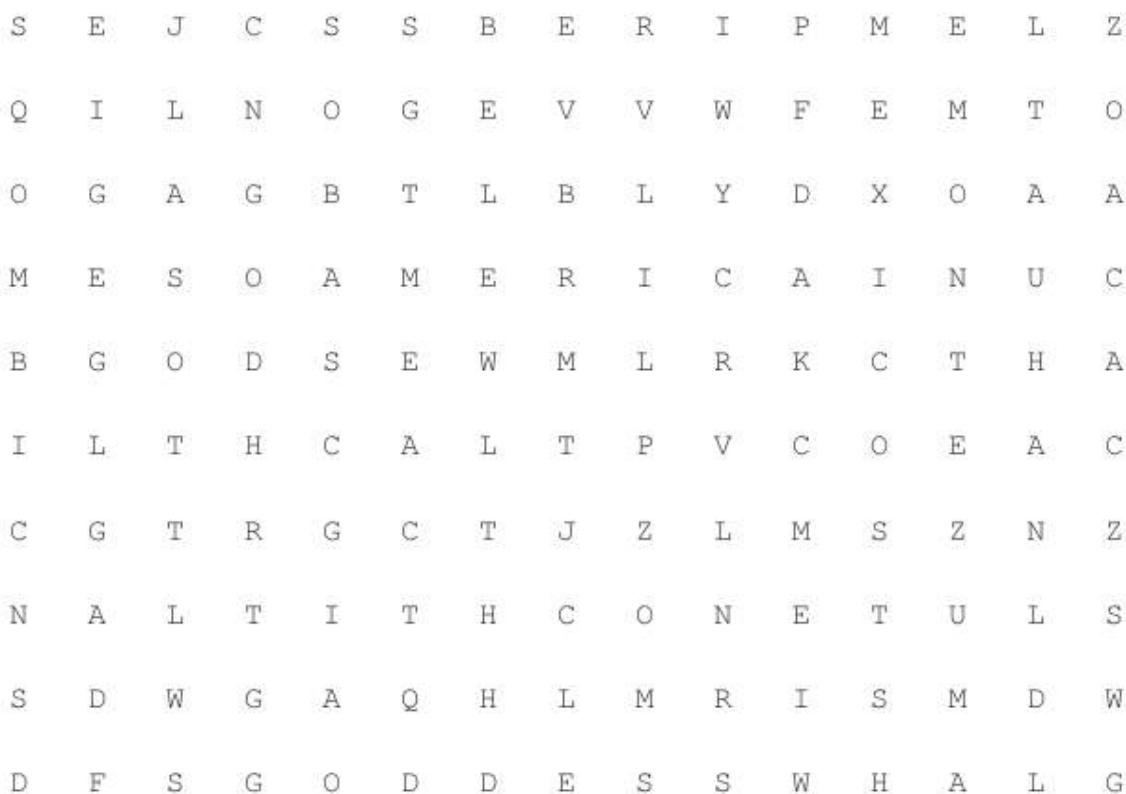
Across

1. Murder of over 6 million European Jews by the Nazis during World War II
3. Woman who helped hide Anne and her family in Amsterdam
5. Teenage girl who kept a diary during the Holocaust
6. Hid the entry to the secret annex
9. Journal that Anne kept
11. Anne Franks age when she died of typhus
12. Most who perished in the Holocaust were of this religion

Down

1. Anne Frank and her family were _____ in a secret annex
2. Anne Franks age when she began keeping a diary
3. Anne's older sister
4. Home to seven residents for two years
5. City where Anne Frank was hiding during the Holocaust
7. Anne Franks mother
8. Anne's father who survived the Holocaust

Aztec Wordsearch



BEANS

CACAO

EAGLE

EMPIRE

GODDESS

GODS

MESOAMERICA

MEXICO

MONTEZUMA

NAHUATL

SCRIBES

TEMPLES

TENOCHTITLAN

TLACHTLI

Fun Fact:

The law required all Aztec Children to attend school- even slaves.

Fun Fact:

World War One soldiers brightened the trenches with glowworms.





What if?...

by Victoria Woolmer



What if the Spanish Didn't Invade the Aztecs?

Well, naturally the Aztecs would have been around for longer and had a bigger influence on people. Perhaps their culture of sacrifice would have spread around the more developed United States. I suppose that they may have become like the Chinese, assuming that they hadn't been invaded or destroyed. However, the truth is they probably would have just been invaded by another European country, maybe even Britain...

What if Anne Frank Hadn't Died?

I suppose that if she hadn't died she would have been able to travel the world, as she had wished, been a rather successful writer and gotten the life she was entitled to. However, if you look at the long term effect she wouldn't have been as famous; her father wouldn't have set up the Anne Frank Trust and her diary more than likely wouldn't be the second best selling nonfiction book, after the Bible. Having said that, it may have done, the possibility is still there, but there is, of course, also the possibility that she wouldn't have published it at all...

What if Animals Weren't Used in War?

Things would be very different. Just take WW1 as an example, Britain used horses to get around all the time. We depended on them. Let's say that we didn't win WW1 because we had no animals. The Treaty of Versailles wouldn't have happened and that would mean that Germany wouldn't have been in an economic depression, leading to them voting for Hitler and the Nazis in 1933. Hitler probably wouldn't have come into power, meaning that WW2 may not have happened. This could easily link back into Anne Frank, just think if animals weren't used in war she might not have died...

Animals in War

by Claudia Baldry

Throughout history, animals were just as important in battle as humans yet we only hear of the bravery of humans. Many different animals were used in war however today this still continues.

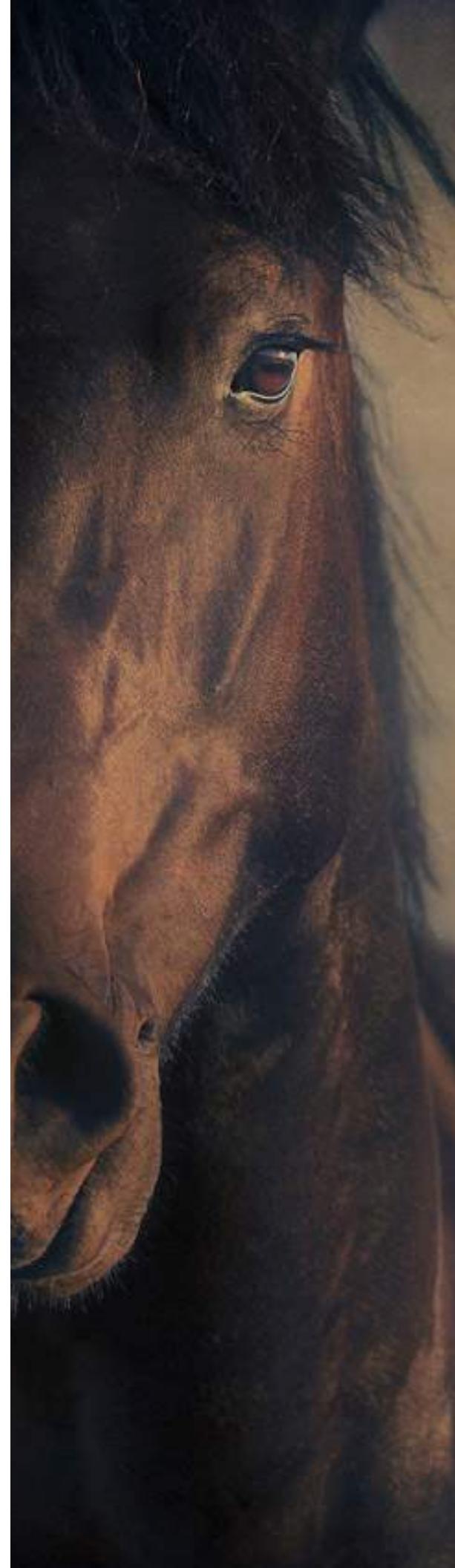


The use of horses in warfare dates back 5000 years ago when conflicts occurred in Eurasia (Europe and Asia before the continental drift) from between 4000 BC and 3000 BC. Horses are said to be the most used animal in warfare which is probably due to their many uses. Because of their strength, horses were used to pull heavy artillery in addition to carts and chariots. They also allowed the rider to be swift when either charging, retreating from their enemy or general transportation.

Homing pigeons were used in abundance in both the First World War and World War Two with the totals for both wars estimated at 300,000!!! When communications had failed, pigeons heroically ventured to the front line where they would carry messages from commanders. They flew at a staggering 60 MPH whilst often injured, exhausted in order to reach the message's destination.

As for more recent times, animals such as rats are increasing in use. When they are a little more than 4 weeks old they begin training to detect scents of explosives. Once they have undergone their training process, they are then let out into areas such as Cambodia where ,at this moment in time, landmines are often found. Rats are very small and have a light foot when scurrying about therefore they do not set off the mines however can detect where they are. By notifying humans

In 2004 a war memorial site was set up to pay homage to the animals that bravely served, suffered and/or died for our country. In May 2013 this tribute was vandalized however was reopened shortly. If you would like to visit this site yourself, it is at Brook Gate on Park Lane, on the edge of Hyde Park.



Aztecs

by Riya and Deepa Patel

Clothing:

The common people and slaves wore very simple clothes which didn't cover much of their body, such as loincloths. These were long strips of cloth tied around a man's waist with a knot tied in front. They also wore a tilma which was a cloak. Women wore skirts with short sleeved shirts or sleeveless blouses. The upper class wore the same however, they had improved clothing with symbols on bright coloured clothes with decorations such as: gold, pendants, fur, feathers. They also wore jewellery for example, necklaces, earrings and bracelets and some even wore ear spools. In religious rituals, they wore Aztec masks to represent the different Gods. Merchants had their own class and were allowed to wear more luxurious clothes. If someone had a higher ranking in the military or were considered a war hero, their clothing would be more attractive and have more jewels. They had headdresses as helmets, layers of gold for protection and simple shields. They used weapons such as spears, bows and maquahuitl (a sword and club).



Slavery:

Aztecs were very spiritual people therefore a sacrifice was to be made. Some estimates suggest as many as 84,000 were once killed during a four day period. Slavery in Aztec society was in some ways more humane than in Western cultures. While some slaves were punished criminals or prisoners of war, others sold themselves or their children into slavery due to economic hardship. Slaves could free themselves by repaying their purchase price. They could marry and own property, and their children were born free. They had Aztec slave markets where people could buy and sell slaves.



Daily Aztec Life:

The Aztec daily life was quite simple. In fact, Aztec family life was very similar to many modern day cultures. For example, the husband was responsible for supporting the family and the wife's role was to provide the family with clothing and food. As such, the Aztec daily life for many of the men was to farm or engage in craftwork. The female Aztec life, on the other hand, mainly consisted of weaving and cooking. As education was important to the Aztecs, fathers were responsible for educating the boys in the family until they reached the age of 10. After this age, the boys were educated in a school connected with a temple. These schools taught religion and provided military training. Girls sometimes attended these schools, as well. Otherwise, they stayed at home and learned household skills important to daily life from their mothers.



Religion:

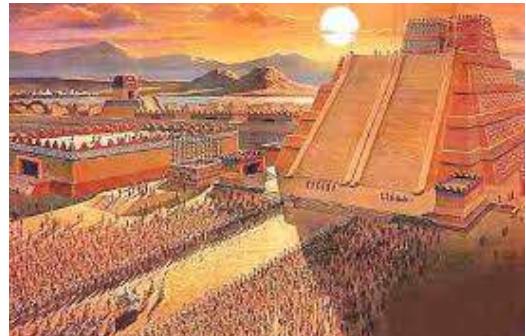


In the Aztec life, religion was one of many important things. They worshipped many different gods and goddesses, all of which ruled one specific aspect of nature for example: Huitzilopochtli was the God of war and rising sun, Quetzalcoatl was the God of wind and knowledge and Tlaloc was the God of rain.



Did you know?

Chocolate was first discovered by the Aztecs, Mayans and Incas. The first thing they made was a frothy drink called chocolatl. It had a very bitter taste which didn't appeal to many people therefore the Spanish mixed sugar canes with the cocoa to give it a better taste.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the first issue of "So Last Era"!

The next issue will be out in a fortnight so ensure that you read that and we hope you've enjoyed reading all of the articles!

Merry Christmas!

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