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1. Describe what the word *mestizo* means in Mexico. Does *mestizo* describe a positive or negative aspect of Mexican history & culture? Why?
2. Describe two or three significant aspects of both the Mayan & Aztec civilizations that thrived in Mexico before the arrival of the Spanish.
3. Describe Cortes’s attitude toward arriving in Mexico & meeting Moctezuma. Describe Moctezuma’s attitude toward Cortes’s arrival in Mexico.
4. Why did the Aztecs rebel against the Spanish forces? What was the result of Aztec resistance?
5. Describe how Cortes was able to regroup & defeat the Aztecs in Tenochtitlan.
6. What were the most devastating consequences of Cortes’s conquest for the Aztecs?
7. Describe how the Spanish conquerors treated the native Indian population of Mexico after Cortes’s victory. Describe the hacienda system.
8. Describe the economic benefits that Spain enjoyed from the conquest of Mexico. Describe the economic situation of a majority of the native Indian population of Mexico.
9. After learning about the Spanish conquest of Mexico, why do you think the term Malinche is considered an insult in Mexico today?
10. Key Vocabulary Words: