



Year 4 Comprehension 2: Ancient Aztecs



In a time long ago, in a land known as the Aztec Empire, there lived a curious and adventurous child named Tlaloc. Tlaloc was a young boy of about ten years old, and he lived in the bustling city of Tenochtitlan, the heart of the Aztec civilization.

Every day, Tlaloc would wake up to the sound of the bustling city. The streets of Tenochtitlan were filled with people going about their daily activities. Vendors sold colourful fruits, handmade pottery, and shimmering jewellery in the marketplace.

Tlaloc's favourite place in the city was the grand temple dedicated to the mighty god Huitzilopochtli. The temple's massive stone steps reached high into the sky, and at the top, a grand temple overlooked the city. Tlaloc often climbed those steps to offer food and prayers to the god, seeking blessings for his family and the people of Tenochtitlan.

One bright morning, as Tlaloc made his way to the temple with a basket of offerings, he noticed a commotion near the edge of the city. A group of traders had arrived from a distant land, bringing with them treasures never seen in Tenochtitlan before. Tlaloc's eyes widened with excitement as he saw exotic feathers, shells, and even a jaguar pelt among their goods.

Tlaloc decided to explore this new arrival. He approached the traders with wide-eyed wonder and tried to communicate with them using gestures and the few words of their language he knew. The traders smiled warmly and offered him a small, intricately carved obsidian figurine as a gift.



Tlaloc was overjoyed with the precious gift and decided to share it with his family and friends. He rushed back to his home, where his parents, grandparents, and siblings eagerly gathered around to admire the beautiful figurine.

As the days passed, Tlaloc continued to visit the traders, learning about their customs, and sharing stories of the Aztec way of life. He realized that even though they came from different lands, they could find common ground through friendship and curiosity.

Tlaloc's adventures with the traders became a cherished memory. He grew up to be a wise and respected member of his community, always valuing the importance of understanding and embracing different cultures.

And so, in the heart of the magnificent Aztec Empire, a young boy named Tlaloc learned that the world was full of wonders and that, through friendship and an open heart, one could bridge the gaps between different civilizations, making the world a richer and more colourful place for all to enjoy.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the name of the main character in the story?

- a) Tlaloc
- b) Huitzilopochtli
- c) Aztec
- d) Tenochtitlan

2. Where did Tlaloc live?

- a) In the jungle
- b) In a distant land
- c) In the heart of the Aztec Empire
- d) In a quiet village

3. What city is mentioned as the centre of the Aztec civilization?

- a) Tlaloc
- b) Huitzilopochtli
- c) Tenochtitlan
- d) Aztec

4. What did Tlaloc offer at the grand temple?

- a) Toys
- b) Food and prayers
- c) Money
- d) Artifacts



5. What did Tlaloc notice one bright morning near the city's edge?

- a) A festival
- b) A commotion with traders from a distant land
- c) A new temple
- d) A parade

6. What treasures did the traders bring to Tenochtitlan?

- a) Colourful fruits
- b) Handmade pottery
- c) Exotic feathers, shells, and a jaguar pelt
- d) gold and silver coins

7. What did Tlaloc receive as a gift from the traders?

- a) A gold coin
- b) A small obsidian figurine
- c) A new outfit
- d) A horse

8. What did Tlaloc do with the figurine he received?

- a) He sold it to the highest bidder
- b) He kept it hidden in his room
- c) He shared it with his family and friends
- d) He buried it in the garden



9. What lesson did Tlaloc learn from his adventures with the traders?

- a) To be suspicious of strangers
- b) To always put his own interests first
- c) The importance of understanding and embracing different cultures
- d) To stay away from the temple

10. What kind of person did Tlaloc grow up to be?

- a) A selfish and unkind individual
- b) A respected member of his community who valued friendship and cultural exchange
- c) A warrior
- d) A hermit who lived in isolation



Short Answer Questions

1. What was the grand temple dedicated to?

2. What kind of city was Tenochtitlan?

3. What did Tlaloc often see in the marketplace of Tenochtitlan?

4. What did Tlaloc notice near the edge of the city one bright morning?



5. Where did Tlaloc often go to share stories with the traders?

6. What did Tlaloc value most about his interactions with the traders?

7. How did Tlaloc communicate with the traders who spoke a different language?

8. What did Tlaloc learn from his adventures with the traders?



9. How did Tlaloc's interactions with the traders change him as he grew up?

10. Why did Tlaloc value the obsidian figurine from the traders so much?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions

1. a) Tlaloc
2. c) In the heart of the Aztec Empire
3. c) Tenochtitlan
4. b) Food and prayers
5. b) A commotion with traders from a distant land
6. c) Exotic feathers, shells, and a jaguar pelt
7. b) A small obsidian figurine
8. c) He shared it with his family and friends
9. c) The importance of understanding and embracing different cultures
10. b) A respected member of his community who valued friendship and cultural exchange

Short Answer Questions

1. The grand temple was dedicated to the mighty god Huitzilopochtli.
2. Tenochtitlan was a bustling and vibrant city in the heart of the Aztec Empire.
3. Tlaloc often saw vendors selling colourful fruits, handmade pottery, and shimmering jewellery in the marketplace of Tenochtitlan.
4. Tlaloc noticed a commotion near the edge of the city, with traders from a distant land.
5. Tlaloc often visited the traders near the edge of the city to share stories and learn about their customs.
6. Tlaloc valued the friendship and cultural exchange that occurred during his interactions with the traders.
7. Tlaloc used gestures and a few words from the traders' language to communicate with them.
8. Tlaloc learned the importance of understanding and embracing different cultures.
9. As he grew up, Tlaloc became a wise and respected member of his community, valuing friendship and cultural exchange.
10. Tlaloc valued the obsidian figurine because it was a precious gift from the traders and a symbol of their friendship.



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