

100 Decisive Battles from Ancient times to the Present by Paul K Davis

Tenochtitlan: 26 May - 13 August 1521

I. Vocabulary: **1st:** Guess what the word means from context **2nd:** Look up each definition

Hegemony Consolidated Lavish Disquiet Subverted Defect
Punitive Vital Reputedly

II. Forces engaged – who fought and who were the leaders

III. Historical Setting

1. Where and when did the Aztecs establish their city?
2. Why were the Spanish able to easily gain allies to assist their attack on the Aztec Empire?
3. Who did the people of Central America think Hernan Cortes was?
4. What did Cortes do to make Moctezuma think he was a god?

IV. The Battle

1. What caused Cortes to capture Moctezuma and rule through him?
2. What happened to Moctezuma when he was forced to calm his people down?
3. What did Cortes do that he thought bought him a cease-fire, but in reality what happened?
4. What aided Cortes and severely weakened his enemies?
5. What 2 things caused the Spanish's second attack to start off bad?
6. What did the Aztecs try to do to weaken their spirits and what did dampen the Spanish spirits?

V. Results

1. What 2 things did the Aztecs lack when trying to resist the Spanish?
2. How did disease affect the native population of Central America?
3. What did the Spanish do with all the Aztec gold and silver they stole?
4. What was Spain able to do with their immense wealth in loot?