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Section 3

GUIDED READING *The Aztecs Control
Central Mexico*

A. Evaluating Courses of Action As you read this section, note one or more reasons why the Aztecs took each of the following actions.

<p>1. The Aztecs first worked for local rulers as soldiers-for-hire.</p>	<p>2. The Aztecs joined two other city-states to form a Triple Alliance.</p>
<p>3. In Tenochtitlán, the Aztec capital, the Aztecs built hundreds of temples and religious structures dedicated to the gods.</p>	<p>4. Aztec engineers built three causeways over water and marshland.</p>
<p>5. Aztec priests sacrificed humans atop the Great Temple.</p>	<p>6. The Aztecs built a calendar in the main ceremonial plaza of Tenochtitlán.</p>
<p>7. Some of the conquered provinces rebelled against Aztec rule.</p>	<p>8. Montezuma II reduced the number of public officials.</p>

B. Summarizing On the back of this paper, briefly describe the story of Quetzalcoatl.