

# Aztec Resistance to Spanish Conquest

## Why did Aztec attempts to resist Spanish conquest fail?

### Part 1: Taking notes

Sites 1, 2, and 3 provide information on the factors that contributed to the conquest of the Aztec Empire by the Spanish Conquistadors.

#### 1. Read information in Sites 1 and 3. Take notes on the following:

- The strength of Cortés' invasion force:

- The acquisition of allies:

- Effect of the Siege of Tenochtitlán:

#### 2. Read the material in Site 2 and take notes on the following:

- Impact of smallpox:

#### 3. Read the discussion of possible reasons the Spanish invaders were able to defeat the mighty

- Size of Aztec military:

- Major weakness of Aztec Empire:

- Impact of Aztec religious beliefs:

At Site 3, view the Aztec scrolls to complete the following assignment:

Create a six-paneled scroll to trace the fall of the Aztec Empire to the Spanish conquistadors. Do this from the Aztec perspective. The first panel should indicate the strength of the Aztecs