

Glossary

Anahuac — lands of central Mexico

Atahualpa — Inca who defeated Huáscar, met Pizarro at Cajamarca, and later was executed

Aztecs (see Mexica)

Black Legend — Largely English-inspired interpretation of the horrendous Spanish treatment of natives in the Americas and of the inferiority of Spanish culture

Cajamarca — northern Incaic military and religious center; site of the meeting between Atahualpa and Pizarro

Castille — Spanish kingdom that oversaw the establishment of Spanish empire in the Americas

Cortés, Hernando — led the conquest of the Mexican empire

Cuzco — capital of Tiwantinsuyu, the Inca empire

encomienda — system of "entrusting" native laborers to Spaniards in return for their "civilization and acculturation" by Spaniards; led to massive abuse of native peoples

encounter — the meeting of Europeans and native peoples; often described as the "discovery" of the Americas

Guanahani — name for San Salvador in the language of the Lucayans

Guanches — Canary natives; reduced to slavery by Spaniards

Hispaniola — Spanish name of the island of Hayti; now contains the Dominican Republic and Haiti

huaca — depiction of a religious icon in Andean religion; contained the spirit of a god, place, or natural phenomenon

Huáscar — "legitimate" son of Huayna Capac; defeated in a civil war by Atahualpa **Huayna Capac** — Inca who died of smallpox in the mid-1520s; his death led to a civil war that split Tiwantinsuyu

Huitzilopochtli — "Hummingbird of the South"; one of two primary Mexica gods; associated with military might and blood sacrifice

Inti - Inca sun god

"just war" — Spanish rationalization for war against the Heathens, permitting the enslavement of conquered peoples; developed during the reconquest of Iberia from the Moors

Lucayans — natives of Guanahaní

Mexica — Nahua people of the Mexican state

Moctezuma — Mexica leader at the time of contact with the Spanish; died in June, 1520 amid Mexican uprising against Spanish

Nahua — dominant language of the Mexica and much of central Mexico at the time of contact; still widely spoken

patronato real (royal patronage) — Spanish monarch's right to patronage over the Catholic church's affairs in the Americas

Pizarro, Francisco — Spanish conqueror of Tiwantinsuyu

Quilla — Inca mother moon

reconquista — reconquest of Iberia from Islamic Moors

repartimiento — division of native peoples

requirimento (requirement) — document read to the natives demanding that they submit to the authority of the Catholic church and Spanish monarch; refusal to comply constituted grounds for a "just war"

Teotihuacan — the "metropolis of the gods"

Tenochtitlán — capital of Mexican empire; located beneath present-day Mexico City

Tiwantinsuyu — "Empire of the Four Quarters," Incan empire

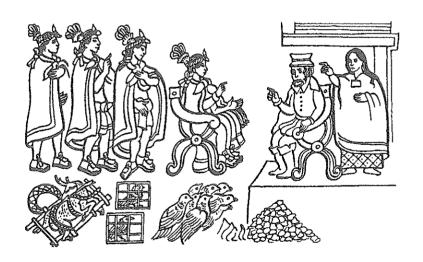
Tlacaelel — military and political leader most responsible for the development of the Mexican empire and the cult devoted to Huitzilopochtli

Tlaloc — Nahuan rain god; second primary god of Mexica

tlamatinime — religious thinkers and leaders of the Mexican empire

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