

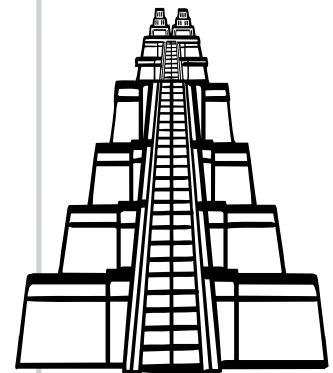
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## City of Mystery

about 30 miles northeast of Mexico City, Mexico, are the ruins of a great city. Archaeologists or "Detectives of the Past" are working to dig up facts about this city of mystery. By digging and studying, archaeologists know that there were small villages in the area around 100 BC. Just 300 years later, there were 75,000 people living in the city. Twice as many people lived there by AD 600, and it had grown into one of the largest cities in the world.



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The Aztecs settled in this area hundreds of years after the ancient city had been destroyed. They found empty buildings, masks, and tools of stone, pottery, and two large pyramids. The larger pyramid was as tall as a 20-story building, and its base covered 500,000 square feet. When they walked through the ruins, the Aztecs couldn't believe that men had built the city. They named the place the City of the Gods. And they used the city ruins as a place to pray.



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we can tell from the ruins that the city builders studied the stars planets and geometry. Their buildings for example was built so the walls faced North South west and east and there streets were planned using the position of the solar system Apartment complexes able to hold 60 to 100 people were built around a patio. by looking at the artifacts in the apartments we can tell that people came from all over mexico to live in this city They may have come because of the citys big marketplace



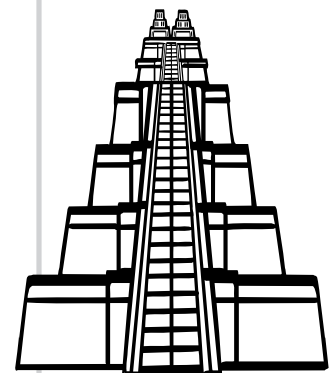
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pots masks salt fish and earrings carved from jade was probably traded at the city market There wasn't anything made of metal but knives tools and mirrors made of obsidian a type of stone were traded. Big wall paintings or murals, have been found in buildings and underground rooms Markings on the paintings show that the people probably used a form of picture writing Their is still much to know about this city of mystery as the past is dug up new things is learned



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