

Read the following documents and highlight answers to where you find the following:

Document 1

Source: Hernan Cortes, Spanish conqueror of the Aztec Empire, describing the Aztec capital of Tenochitlan, 1521 from his letters and memoirs

We saw the fresh water which came from Chapultepec (a floating garden part of the city composed of chinampas or artificial floating agricultural islands), and the bridges on the three causeways (dikes built across the water to link the city to the shore), built at certain intervals so the water could go from one part of the lake to another and a multitude of canoes. We saw that every house in the great city and in the others built on the water could be reached only by wooden drawbridges or by canoes. We saw temples built like towers and fortresses in these cities. We could look down on the flat roofed houses and other little towers and temples like fortresses along the causeway.

1. Who wrote the document?
2. What is he describing in the document?
3. Summarize the document in at least 2 sentences
4. What do you think was the purpose of this document?
5. Give a Point of View Statement for the document: (Refer back to the POV paper for help on how to write a CORRECT POV statement).

Document 2

Source: Bartolome de Las Casa, Dominican friar, social reformer, and historian, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*, 1540's

And of all the infinite universe of humanity, these people are the most guileless, the most devoid of wickedness and duplicity, the most obedient and faithful to their native masters and to the Spanish Christians whom they serve. They are by nature the most humble, patient, and peaceable, holding no grudges, free from embroilments, neither excitable nor quarrelsome. These people are the most devoid of rancors, hatreds, or desire for vengeance of any people in the world.... They are also poor people, for they not only possess little but have no desire to possess worldly goods. For this reason they are not arrogant, embittered, or greedy. ...They are very clean in their persons, with alert, intelligent minds, docile and open to doctrine, very apt to receive our holy Catholic faith, to be endowed with virtuous customs, and to behave in a godly fashion.

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