1. Aztec Civilization- Native American group that existed in present day Mexico from the 1300-1550’s
2. G- Geography- located in the valley of present day Mexico
3. Capital is on the lake Texacoco
4. Most of Mexico consists of mountains, to the north deserts, and to the south tropical rain forest
5. How did they adapt to their environment? (Lake)

aa. They built chinampas and floating islands

bb. They built causeways and bridges to connect them to main land

cc. They built aqueducts to bring them fresh water

dd. They built dikes to prevent flooding of their floating islands

1. R-Religion- they believed in many gods-polytheistic
2. Gods were vengeful and required blood and sacrifices
3. Had ceremonies, rituals, etc.
4. Hearts from living victims were offered to their gods especially the sun god
5. A-Achievements-
6. Largest empire in the Western Hemisphere
7. Skilled engineers-build causeways, bridges, chinampas, floating islands, and dikes
8. Number system
9. 2 calendars
10. Writing system
11. Architecture-temples
12. Art-sculptures, jewelry, etc.
13. First system to educate everyone
14. Aztec medicine and even surgeries!
15. P-Politics- Who ran the government?
16. Had a king or speaker who controlled everything
17. Nobles helped him manage his kingdom by collecting taxes or being judge
18. E-Economics- How did they make a living?
19. Depended on farming (grew beans, tomatoes, corn, chilies, vegetables) and conquering other people
20. People they conquered paid them tribute
21. Had a huge trade network
22. The best warriors were called eagle or jaguar knights and they wore those animals skin
23. Also hunted and ate monkeys, dogs, insects, caterpillars, lizards, and ants
24. S-Social Structure- How are people ranked in society?
25. Kings most powerful person in the empire
26. Nobles helped king
27. Priest has a lot of influence over the lives of the Aztecs-kept the calendars, made the sacrifices, held the rituals and such
28. Warriors fought to capture victims for sacrifices and people to pay tribute to their empire
29. Merchants trades goods and had status
30. Artisans were rich and important to Aztecs because they made jewelry and headdresses
31. Farmers and slaves were the lowest class of society were poor and did not own their own land

