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| **Across****1.** Aztec emperor who reigned during the Spanish conquest of Tenochtitlan.**7.** A pottery fragment usually unearthed as an archaelogical relic. Also known as potsherds.**11.** A road built across a broad body of water or wetland.**12.** A glassy, black rock that is formed by cooling lava.**13.** The offering of a crop or killing of a live animal or person to please a god.**14.** The capital city of the Aztec Empire, built in the centre of Lake Texcoco.**15.** A water supply system constructed to convey water over a long gradual slope.**16.** The exposure of multiple layers beneath Earth's surface so archaelogists can study the artefacts of a site.**17.** In Aztec context, the name given to a document written by the Aztecs, which uses mainly pictures to tell a story.**19.** A highly contagious disease brough to the Americas by the Europeans. The indigenous people had no immunity to this deadly disease and more than 90% died from it.**20.** A god that is a guardian of protector of something in particular. For example, Chicmexochiti was the patron god of artists. | **Down****2.** A term used to refer to the soldiers and explorers of Spanish or Portuguese Empires in a general sense. Literally, it means 'conqueror'.**3.** A region where North and South America meet, and now includes modern day countries such as Guatemala and Mexico.**4.** The Spanish conquistador who invaded Aztec territory and took the city of Tenochtitlan.**5.** The art of decorating something with small pieces of coloured materials such as glass, stones, tiles or shells.**6.** Payments, such as goods or services, made by one nation to ensure protection by another.**8.** A small, floating piece of fertile land used for agriculture.**9.** A natural body of water (lake) within the valley of Mexico.**10.** Corn; grown typically in Central or South America. An important Aztec food.**18.** A symbol or image used to represent words. |