Aztec/Mexica Gods

Xipe Totec — the “Flayed One”

Coatlicue — “She of the Serpent Skirt” — earth/mother goddess

Tezcatlipoca — “Smoking Mirror”

Quetzalcoatl — “Plumed Serpent” — god of writing, time, maize, arts & crafts, etc.

Huitzilopochtli — “hummingbird wizard” — sun god and god of war and conquest

Tlaloc — rain god

Coyolxauhqui — moon goddess

Ages (Suns) of Aztec Mythology

1st sun — destroyed by Jaguar or Tiger
2nd sun — destroyed by the wind
3rd sun — destroyed by the rain
4th sun — destroyed by a flood
5th sun — could be destroyed by return of Quetzalcoatl

Events, Places, and Terms in Aztec History

1323 – King Coxcox of Colhuacán agreed to marriage of his daughter to Aztec chief

founding of Tenochtitlán — by 1500 = 6 sq. miles; 200,000 people

Chinampas — artificial islands

Tlatelolco — city on Lake Texcoco, few hundred yards north of Tenochtitlán

1428 – Aztec sacked Azcapotzalco

1450–1452 — drought — required more human sacrifices

Tlaxcala

Huexotzinco

War of the Flowers

1519–1521 — Encounter with, and defeat at hands of, the Spanish and their Indian allies