Secrets of the Dead: Aztec Massacre

(Minutes 1-10:00)

1. Which Mesoamerican group is being discussed here? Incas Aztecs Olmecs

2. Describe the Aztec culture (describe religion, economics, politics etc.)

3. How are these bodies unique?

4. How did warriors show they were successful?

5. Why was human sacrifice allowed?

(Minutes 10:00-End)

6. Why is it significant that the bodies are from Europe?

7. If you were a Spanish conquistador, how would you feel coming upon the Aztec civilization?

8. Compare and contrast the Spanish and Aztecs. How are they similar? How are they different?

9. There are 2 differing opinions on how the Spanish and the Aztecs interacted-what are they?

10. What is the job of a forensic artist?

11. Why is it important to discover that 10 of the skulls are female?

12. Describe the religion of the Aztecs.

13. What evidence is found to further support that these bones belonged to Europeans (Spanish in particular).

14. What other rituals existed besides the killing and dismembering of bodies?

15. After watching this video, describe your impressions of the following 2 groups of people:

Spanish: Aztecs: