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The Aztecs

Who were the Aztecs?



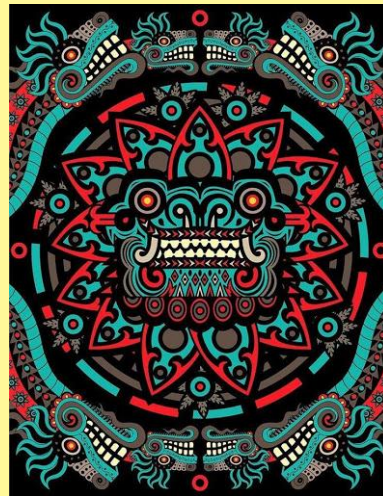
The Aztecs were travellers who eventually settled in **Tenochtitlán**, located in modern day Mexico.

They were known for being particularly creative and produced many unique pieces of art.

Is there anything you already know about Aztec art?

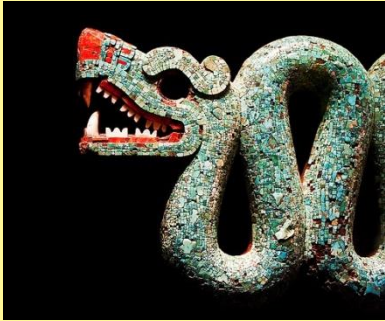
Aztec art

Below are some examples of Aztec art. Do these pieces of art have anything in common? You have 30 seconds to have a think about this questions.



Have a think about the colours, recurring patterns, textures and key themes than you can see.

Key aspects of Aztec art



Realistic and life-like

A lot of Aztec art was inspired by people, animals and other creatures. The Aztec's valued the natural world and believed that it was *sacred*.

Colourful

The Aztec's created some bright and beautiful designs. They regularly used blues, reds and greens in art.

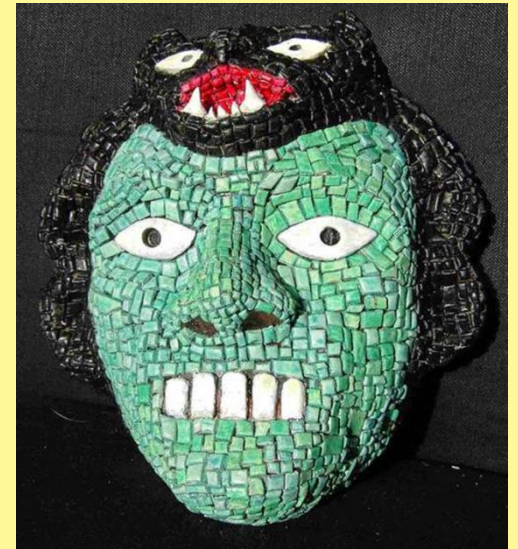
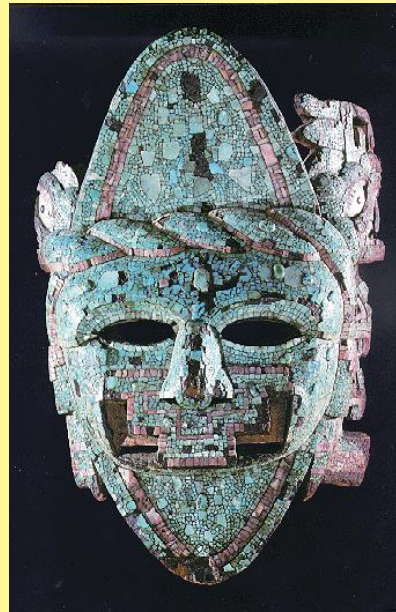
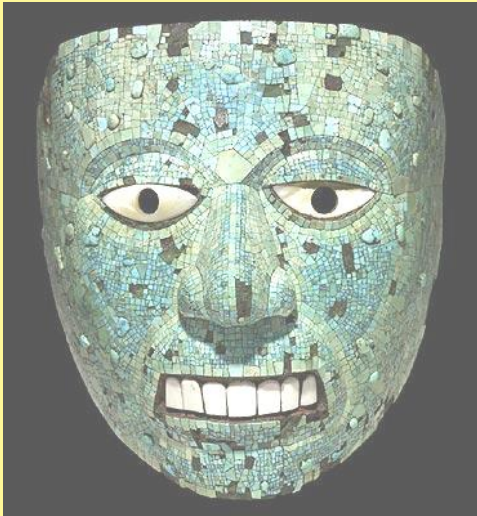


Recurring patterns/shapes

Zig zags, circles and triangles featured in many Aztec designs.

Aztec Masks

Reds, blues and greens also featured in their mask creations. The blue/green colours were traditionally made of turquoise stone which the Aztec's believed was precious.



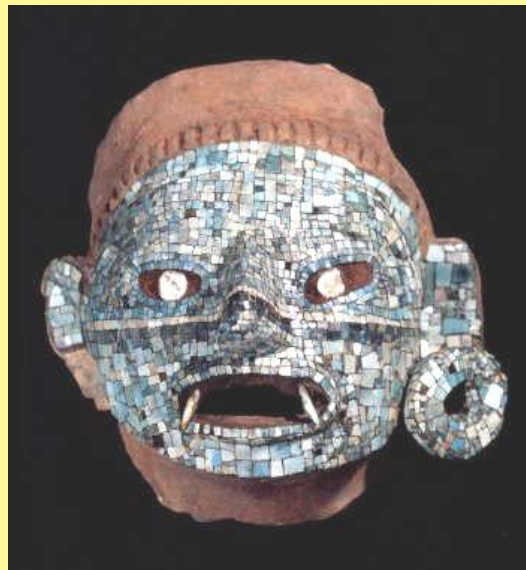
The Aztec's were extremely religious and these masks were a symbol of Gods that were worshipped as part of their faith.

Aztec Masks



Like many of their art creations, Aztec masks were mostly made from clay and other precious materials such as gold, silver and jewels. Feathers were sometimes added for decoration.

Aztec Masks



Today you will be creating your own
versions of Aztec mosaic masks!

Follow the instructions from Miss Topley on the PDF sheet. There are examples for you to look at as well as some templates for you to use.