Final Unit Project: Aztecs and the Spanish

*Photo Researchers Needed!*

* The History Channel is producing a program on *Mexico: Seeing the Past in the Present*.
* As a photo researcher, you are required to propose images for inclusion in the film, the images you select must illustrate in some way the factors form Mexico’s past that have had the greatest influence on its present.

*Directions:*

**Step 1:** Using your text book and learning resource center, investigate the following elements of worldview:

* What ways did the structure of Aztec society change because of contact with the Spanish?
* What impact did the Spanish conquest have on the religion of the Aztec people?
* How did the economy change as a result of the Spanish conquest?

**Step Two:** Use a before and after organizer like the one below to collect your information

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|  | Before 1519 | After 1519 |
| Society |  |  |
| Religion |  |  |
| Economy |  |  |

**Step Three:** Next, add a fourth colum to your organizer labeled “Mexico Today”. Using your textbook, internet, world almanac, CIA Fact Book, briefly summarize:

* The structure of Mexican society today
* The religious make-up of Mexico today
* Elements of the Mexican economy today

**Step Four:**

*To what extent does present day Mexico reflect the influence of Spain?*

* Rank-order the factors that you think have had the greates influence on present day mexico that have come from Spanish influence. What critieria did you use?
* Use a 5 point rating scale to evaluate the impact of intercultural contact on present day mexico. (1= little or no influence, 5=significan influence)

*To what extent does present-day Mexico reflect the influence of the Aztecs?*

* Rank-order the factors that you think have had the greatest influence on present-day Mexico that have come from Aztec influence. What criteria did you use?
* Use the same 5 point rating scale (1= little or no influence, 5 = significant influence)

**Step Five**: Rank-order the top five influences from Spain and the Aztecs evident in present day Mexico. Based on your ranking of the top five influences, create a visual presentation of images you think the History Channel should use.

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