

CITIES THROUGH TIME

# Mexico City



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He is here to help you  
on your mission and share  
fun facts along the way!

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# Welcome to Mexico City!

¡Hola!

Mexico City, Mexico, hums with modern life! But it has a long history. It is the oldest capital city in the Americas. Let's peek into its past!





# A Grand Capital

temple

canoeing

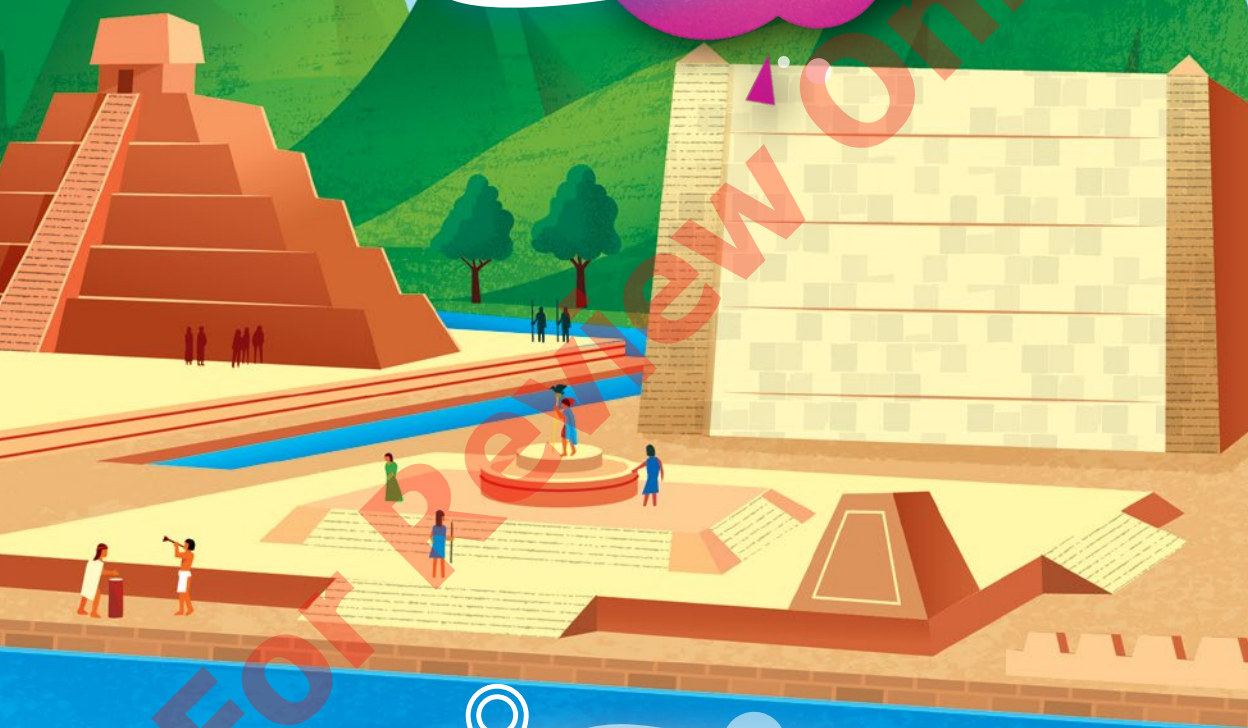
early  
1500s

Welcome to Tenochtitlán!  
More than 200,000 people  
live here. This grand Aztec  
capital is an island city.



## ◀ JIMMY SAYS ▶

The city was founded in 1325. Aztecs believed that gods showed them the site.



It sits in the middle of a lake. We can canoe past its many **temples**.



# A Spanish City

ruins

Hernán Cortés

The mighty Aztec capital has fallen. Hernán Cortés destroyed the city. He claimed it for Spain. A new city is already rising from the **ruins**.





# Mexico City Timeline

**1325:** The Aztecs found Tenochtitlán

**early 1500s:**

Thousands of Aztec people live in Tenochtitlán

**1521:** The Spanish take over and destroy Tenochtitlán

**1521 to early 1800s:** The Spanish control the city

**1821:** Mexico wins independence from Spain

**1910 to 1920:** The Mexican Revolution causes battles throughout Mexico

**1929:** Diego Rivera paints the history of Mexico as part of a mural movement

**1934:** The Palacio de Bellas Artes opens

