**Chapter 9 – The Aztecs**

7th Grade Social Studies

Q and A

Section 1: p. 238-243

1. Where is some of the best farmland in Mexico located?
2. Why was the Valley of Mexico good for settlement?
3. Explain the story behind the Mexican flag?
4. What advantages did Tenochtitlan offer the Aztecs?
5. What were the chinampas used for?
6. What is essential in building a great civilization? (think about it)
7. Name three reasons why their island setting was advantageous?
8. How did the Aztecs expand their empire?
9. What did the Aztecs use in battle?
10. Under whose rule did the Aztecs reach their height?

Section 2: p. 244-248

1. What are agrarian people?
2. Describe the noble class and the commoner class.
3. Describe Aztec slavery.
4. Describe the roles of children.
5. What were the roles of the commoner class?
6. What did Aztec women do?
7. How was the Aztec government organized?
8. How did the Aztec empire function?
9. What was believed about the gods?
10. What was Quetzalcoatl, and what did he represent?
11. What did Huitzilopochtli require, and why?
12. Why would the Aztecs conduct human sacrifice?
13. What were the three parts of the Aztec cycle?

Section 3: p.249-254

1. What are four examples of Aztec engineering?
2. Describe the main features of Tenochtitlan.
3. Compare the Aztec government to the Maya and Inca.
4. What was one of the greatest Aztec art forms?
5. What was the Aztec calendar used for? (3 things)
6. What is the role of an orator?