

QUEST 9-3

CONQUEST OF THE AMERICAS

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Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p>Quetzalcoatl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Aztec believed this god had light skin and a beard.• His return would lead to the destruction of the Aztec.• The prophecy said he would return in 1519, Hernando Cortez (with light skin and a beard) arrived that same year. <p>The End of the Aztec</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cortez had 600 men, guns, armor, and horses (all new to the Aztec)• He formed alliances with Aztec enemies and tribute-paying tribes• He took control of Tenochtitlan without much fight.• Appalled by Aztec sacrifices, they killed the priests but were driven from the city.• Smallpox wiped out nearly half the Aztec people.• Cortez returned with 75,000 men and laid siege to Tenochtitlan.• After 2½ months, the Aztec Empire was no more. <p>The End of the Inca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Inca Emperor died and a civil war broke out between his two sons.• Pizarro arrived in 1532 with only 168 men.• He used guns and horses to slaughter 6,000 Incas and capture Emperor Atahualpa.• To gain his freedom he offered Pizarro a room full of gold.• Atahualpa paid the gold, but was executed anyway.• Smallpox killed much of the Inca army and the rest ran away.