Reading Notes

* Students will examine the Aztec timeline from <http://www.aztec-history.com/aztec-timeline.html>.
* Students will read about the fall of the Aztecs from <http://www.aztec-history.com/fall-of-the-aztec-empire.html>.

Have your students draw 5 illustrations in a diagram form of the different aspects that caused the fall of the Aztec Empire. The diagram should be drawn in chronological order and in enough detail that will benefit the students remember the importance of the event.

What to include in the diagrams:

1. Hernán Cortés and the conquistadors land in Tenochtitlan where the Aztecs believe they are Gods.
2. Montezuma II is taken hostage.
3. Conquistadors fight the Aztecs
4. Small pox spreading throughout the Aztec Empire.
5. Hernán Cortés takes over central Mexico

\*Boxes should be drawn larger to allow students accurate illustrations. This is to give an idea on how to draw the diagram.

Hernán Cortés takes over central Mexico

Small pox spreads

Montezuma II taken hostage

Conquistadors fight Aztecs

Conquistadors land in Tenochtitlan

**RI. 5. 2. & RI. 5. 7** - Students are reading two different pieces of informational text; Aztec timeline and the fall of the Aztec Empire. After exploring the digital sources, students will summarize what they learned by illustrating the events in chronological order.