Aztec History Short Answer Questions

1. The Valley of Mexico has an elevation of 7,000 feet. How can it be a valley and still be so high above sea level?

2. These are pictures of Olmec head statues. Recreate an Olmec head with a drawing of your own.

3. Teotihuacan contained the Pyramid of the Sun and the Pyramid of the Moon. Do some research and write a short report about one of these famous pyramids.

4. Pyramids around the world have eroded over the centuries and many of the ancient pyramids have been repaired over the centuries. The following are the approximate sizes of ancient pyramids when they were built.

   Great Pyramid in Egypt: base length = 754 feet; height = 485 feet
   Pyramid of the Sun in Mexico: base length = 705 feet; height = 206 feet

   Compare the shape of these pyramids by using graph paper to draw a triangle representing each pyramid. Be sure to use the same scale when drawing both pyramids so the drawings are proportional.

5. Explain what the Aztecs did to increase their power in the Valley of Mexico.

6. Archaeologists study ancient sites trying to recreate them and understand how the people lived. Which group would you like to study: Olmecs, Toltecs, or Aztecs. Explain why.

7. Some archaeologists and historians have permission to explore inside ancient pyramids. Would you like to do so? Why or why not?