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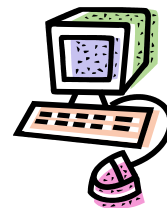
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**[www.aztec-history.com](http://www.aztec-history.com)**

*A comprehensive source for Aztec history*

**[www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/Spanish\\_conquest\\_of\\_Mexico](http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/Spanish_conquest_of_Mexico)**

*Info on Spanish conquest of Mexico*

**<http://tinyurl.com/3kddd3g>**

*Great video of Voladores (Sky Dancers)*

**[www.native-languages.org/aztec-legends.htm](http://www.native-languages.org/aztec-legends.htm)**

*Link to Aztec folktales and myths*

**<http://rachelbowditch.com/>**

*Director Rachel Bowditch's website*

**[www.zarkmask.com](http://www.zarkmask.com)**

*Mask maker Zarco Guerrero's website*

**<http://symbols.com/>**

*Great source for the history and meaning of symbols*

**[www.river-styx.net/aztec-codex.htm](http://www.river-styx.net/aztec-codex.htm)**

*Link to Aztec codices with amazing photos*

**[www.epicdisasters.com/index.php/site/comments/the\\_worst\\_outbreaks\\_of\\_disease](http://www.epicdisasters.com/index.php/site/comments/the_worst_outbreaks_of_disease)**

*List of the world's worst epidemics*

**[www.ancientscripts.com/aztec.html](http://www.ancientscripts.com/aztec.html)**

*Colorful renderings of Nahuatl symbols (glyphs)*

**[www.mexicolore.co.uk/index.php?one=azt&two=res](http://www.mexicolore.co.uk/index.php?one=azt&two=res)**

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