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A Journey Through Mexico's Rich History

Short Answer Key

1. The Olmec, Zapotec, and Maya civilizations in ancient Mexico made significant contributions through achievements such as monumental architecture, advanced calendars, intricate artwork, and agricultural innovations.
2. The Spanish conquest introduced new cultures, religions, and diseases to indigenous populations. Indigenous peoples faced challenges such as forced labor and loss of their traditional ways of life.
3. Mexico celebrates Independence Day with parades, festivals, patriotic speeches, and the traditional shout of "¡Viva México!" at midnight. It commemorates Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla's call to arms for independence.
4. The Mexican Revolution brought about land reforms, workers' rights, and political changes. It was marked by the involvement of key figures like Emiliano Zapata and Francisco Madero.
5. Mexico's history continues to influence its modern culture, language, traditions, and sense of national identity.

