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A Journey Through Mexico's Rich History

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The downfall of the Aztec Empire can be attributed to factors such as the superior weaponry and tactics of the Spanish, alliances with indigenous groups opposed to Aztec rule, and the devastating impact of diseases brought by the Spanish.
2. Answers will vary, but students may describe feelings of fear, curiosity, shock, and uncertainty upon encountering the Spanish for the first time.
3. Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla is known for initiating the Mexican War of Independence, while Emiliano Zapata was a key figure in the Mexican Revolution advocating for land reform. Both played crucial roles in Mexico's history.
4. Preserving and celebrating Mexico's historical heritage is essential to maintaining a sense of national identity and connecting with the past. It helps people understand the struggles and triumphs that have shaped their country.

