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Section 3

GUIDED READING *The Aztecs Control
Central Mexico*

A. Evaluating Courses of Action As you read this section, note one or more reasons why the Aztecs took each of the following actions.

1. The Aztecs first worked for local rulers as soldiers-for-hire.	2. The Aztecs joined two other city-states to form a Triple Alliance.
3. In Tenochtitlán, the Aztec capital, the Aztecs built hundreds of temples and religious structures dedicated to the gods.	4. Aztec engineers built three causeways over water and marshland.
5. Aztec priests sacrificed humans atop the Great Temple.	6. The Aztecs built a calendar in the main ceremonial plaza of Tenochtitlán.
7. Some of the conquered provinces rebelled against Aztec rule.	8. Montezuma II reduced the number of public officials.

B. Summarizing On the back of this paper, briefly describe the story of Quetzalcoatl.