



Look closely at the maps and answer the following questions.

1. What kinds of features do you see on these maps? List as many as you can, considering things like buildings, people, animals, and natural features (lakes, rivers, mountains, etc.)?
2. Compare the two maps and your list of features. How are the maps different? What things appear in both maps, and what things appear in only one?



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3. Look carefully at the writing on the maps. Do you recognize any words? Do the words help you identify any features on the maps?
4. What questions do you have about these maps? What else do you want to know? List three questions based on your observations.
5. What do you think it might feel like to live in and move around a city like this?



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Excerpt 1: Description of the City of Tenochtitlan

1. What adjectives and phrases does Cortés use to describe Tenochtitlan and the land around it? List five.
2. What kinds of infrastructure (roads, bridges, buildings, etc.) does Cortés see in the city?
3. Why do you think Cortés describes the city in such detail to the king? What does he want the king to think about the city and his exploration?

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6. Reread Cortés' description of the landscape around Tenochtitlan closely. Then draw your own map of the city here:

7. How is your map similar to and different from the woodcut map included with the letter?

Excerpt 2: Description of the Marketplace

1. What kinds of goods and services does Cortés see for sale in Tenochtitlan's markets? Divide them into the following categories:

Food	Raw Materials	Products	Services



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3. What questions do you have about the market and life in Tenochtitlan? List three.