

# WELCOME TO TLATELCOCO MARKET



## YOUR STORY:

The sun is high in the late afternoon sky, and it is hot. You are one of many ferocious and virtuous Jaguar Warriors of the Aztec Empire, returning from a long journey from the far and distant corners of the Empire. After paying the tribute you collected for Moctezuma II you are rewarded for your service with a satchel of Cacao Beans. On your way home, you pass through the Tlatelco Market. Although you consider buying some of the exotic items available; perhaps a singing and dancing slave, you decide to purchase some fresh food for a feast your family will hold to celebrate your triumphant return. As you pass through the busy arcades of the market, you run into your friend, a Tlamacaque who is carrying their products to sell at the market. Being the noble warrior you are, you invite your friend to join you and your family for dinner that evening. In the spirit of Aztec community, your friend extends to you the invitation to work together to gather the items you will need for dinner. Perhaps you can make a little cacao while you're at it too!

AZTEC JAGUAR



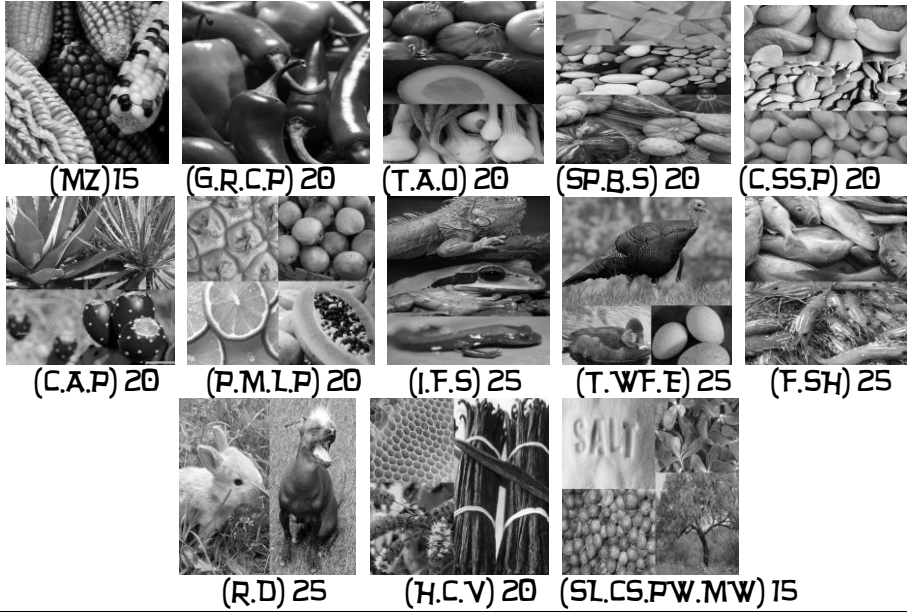
## YOUR TASK:

With your partner, decide who will play the role of the noble **Jaguar Warrior**, who will purchase the commodities needed for your Aztec feast, and who will play the role of the **Tlamacaque**, selling the goods at market. Record your transactions on the attached sheets and answer the questions attached as a group. It will help to have some idea of what you want to create for the feast before you buy your items.

## 5 RULES OF THE MARKETPLACE:

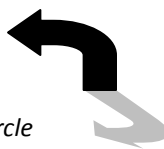
1. You may not trade after the market has closed.
2. You may not eat any of your cacao until the market has closed! Violators will have their cacao confiscated by the chamber of judges sitting in the Momoztli!
3. Your meal must include at least one item from the commodity you are selling
4. Your meal must include at least one item from each of the following categories: Meats, Fruits & Vegetables, Starches, and Seasonings.
5. Have fun, be loud, and make as much cacao as you can!

## COMMODITY CODES & VALUES



YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR CHARACTER: **JAGUAR WARRIOR / TLAMACAQUE**

Please Circle 

TRANSACTION #	COMMODITY	QUANTITY / COST	BALANCE
<b>EACH</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>210</b>
EXAMPLE	MZ	2 / 15c	180
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ONCE YOU HAVE FINISHED TRADING YOUR COMMODITIES AND HAVE ACQUIRED ALL THAT YOU WILL NEED TO CONSTRUCT YOUR AZTEC MEAL, PLEASE RESPOND TO THE 3 QUESTIONS BELOW WITH YOUR PARTNER:

2 SHEETS / GROUP

**JAGUAR WARRIOR:** ..... **TLAMACAQUE:**.....

What struggles or challenges did your group have with the commodity you chose to sell? What challenges do you think the Tlamacaque would have had selling their goods?


Consider the environment of the classroom today: How do you think this would have compared to the actual environment of Tlateloco Market? How important would you say good verbal communication was while trying to sell anything in the market?


List at least 1 thing that each of you learned from today's classes, no matter how insignificant or unrelated you believe it may be.

Name: _____
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