Lesson 9 Review Exercise

1. The Aztecs gradually dropped their ____________ ways and became city dwellers.

2. The Aztecs were fierce warriors. They seemed ____________ to the neighboring tribes they conquered as they extended their empire.

3. The Aztecs administered their empire efficiently. Over time it ____________ and eventually extended across the width of Mexico.

4. The people of Tenochtitlán lived in fear. Their gods were ____________ and if angered would destroy the world as they had done several times before.

5. Great efforts were made to keep the gods happy. After a battle, prisoners of war were ____________ as offerings to them.

6. In 1500, the water level in the lakes surrounding Tenochtitlán rose. Many died when flood-waters ____________ the city.

7. The Aztecs had never seen horses. It's not surprising that the sight of armored men on horseback ____________ them.

8. The Aztecs believed the Spanish were godlike and couldn't be killed. Since it was useless to fight them, they were forced to ____________ the enemy.
9. Before long, the Aztecs discovered the Spanish were not immortal. This occurred when they attacked the ______________ at Vera Cruz, killing some soldiers.

10. Montezuma led the Aztecs in battle against the Spanish invaders. It was a ______________ loss to his followers when he was killed.

11. The Aztecs drove the Spanish from their city. They believed the danger of invasion had ______________ when the men on horseback left Mexico.

12. The Aztecs held off the Spanish army when it returned in 1521 and tried to enter the city. A siege ______________ which lasted for eighty days.

13. With the fall of Tenochtitlán, the Spanish conquest of Mexico was complete. The ______________ of Spain's rule lasted for three hundred years.

14. The Spanish took possession of vast quantities of gold and silver. These precious metals were the ______________ export from Mexico during their rule.

15. Many of the treasure-laden ships bound for Spain were lost at sea. Each left a ______________ of gold and silver lying on the sea bed.