

LA NOCHE TRISTE-MEXICAN VICTORY

- Tenochtitlan Population of 250,000 inhabitants

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TIMELINE

- Nov. 8, 1519 Spaniards enter Tenochtitlan with 500 Soldiers and 3000 Tlaxcallan Allies
- Nov. 14 1519 Cortez held Montezuma Xocoyotzin Captive in his Palace
- May, 1520- Cortez leaves Tenochtitlan to Fight the army of 900 under Panfilo de Narvaez, sent by Governor Velazquez of Cuba(Most of Narvaez men side with Cortez at the end)
- ***May , 1520- Pedro De Alvarado and other Spaniards massacre people at Toxcatl Festival (During the Month of Toxcatl on the Aztec Calendar)***
- 24th of June, 1520 –Cortez Returns to Tenochtitlan to find out its no longer under Spanish Control.(Convinces Montezuma to put his people under control. Montezuma dies by stoning or being burnt alive by Spaniards. Cuitlahuac becomes new Tlatoani)
- June 30, 1520- **La Noche Triste**



Spaniards

- Armor made of Steel
- Swords and pike made of Steel
- Small Cannon
- Arbeque
- Crossbows
- Horse
- Interpreters and Indian Allies(20,000 total but 3000 in Tenochtitlan)

WHO HAD THE ADVANTAGE



Mexica Warriors and the Whole City

(50,000 reserved warrior)

- Armor(made of wood, stone and hide)
- Clubs and Macahuitl Attached with Obsidian on the Sides.
- Population 250,000(The Whole city was against the Spaniards with Sticks and Stones)

Spaniards were trained to kill the enemy while the Mexica Warriors were trained to take Captives, not necessarily kill the enemy.

WHAT MOTIVATED THE MEXICA TO VICTORY

- During the Festival of Toxcatl, Spaniards were harassing the women who prepared the offerings to Huitzilopochtli and the Great Temple.
 - Mexica Warriors were discouraged from dancing because the Conquistadors saw them as a threat of an uprising.
- Spaniards started to attack as they were already prepared (All entrances to the temples were blocked off resulting to a massacre of approximately 10,000 civilians and some warriors in the City.
 - Other civilians spread the word to reinforce Mexica Warriors to surround the City of Tenochtitlan.

JUNE 30, 1520

- With soldiers dying one by one and food and water becoming scarce, Hernan Cortez decides to escape at night with a total of 1130 Soldiers and allies at his side.
- -Cortez splits the gold among his men, while acquiring other treasures he was able to take during the Escape.
- After Crossing several Canals and reaching the Causeway of Tlacopan, the Spaniards were caught by a women and a priest. (The priest sounded the horns to alarm the Warriors)
- -Spaniards were being pursued by Mexica Warriors on Canoe while exchanging fire(many soldiers as well as Indian allies died by Mexica Warriors while some fell into the lake and drowned. There was death on both sides)
- -Around 400 and 800 Spanish killed, drowned, or captured with an addition of 2,000- 4,000 native allies killed or captured



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