

Mexico City Itinerary

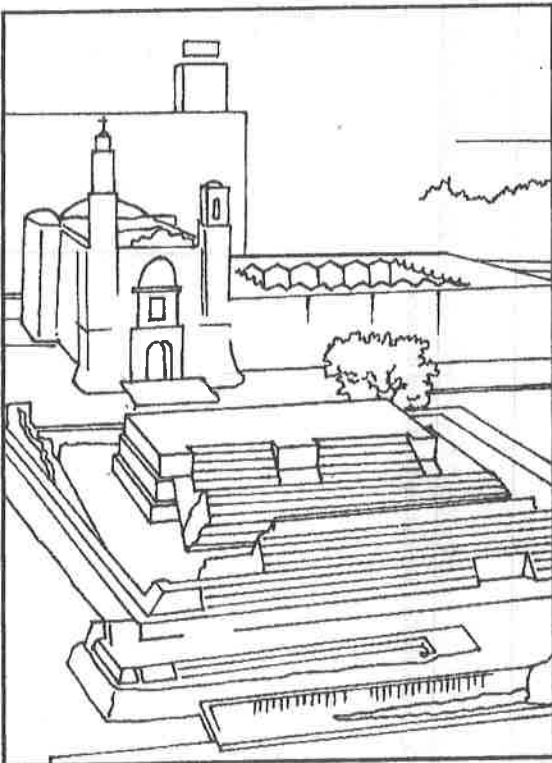
History of Mexico City



- Slide 2.4A Tenochtitlán Mural in the National Palace
- Slide 2.4B Cathedral in the Zócalo (central square)
- Slide 2.4C Paseo de la Reforma traffic scene
- Slide 2.4D La Plaza de las Tres Culturas (Plaza of Three Cultures)

Stop 1: La Plaza de las Tres Culturas

1. Read the information about the plaza, then answer this question: *What structures in the plaza reflect the three cultures of Mexico?*
2. Examine the drawing of the plaza on **Student Handout 2.4A** to fill in the missing portion of the drawing on the postcard below.
3. On the back of the postcard, write to a friend describing what you have learned about the history of Mexico City on the tour so far.



La Plaza de las Tres Culturas, La Ciudad de México

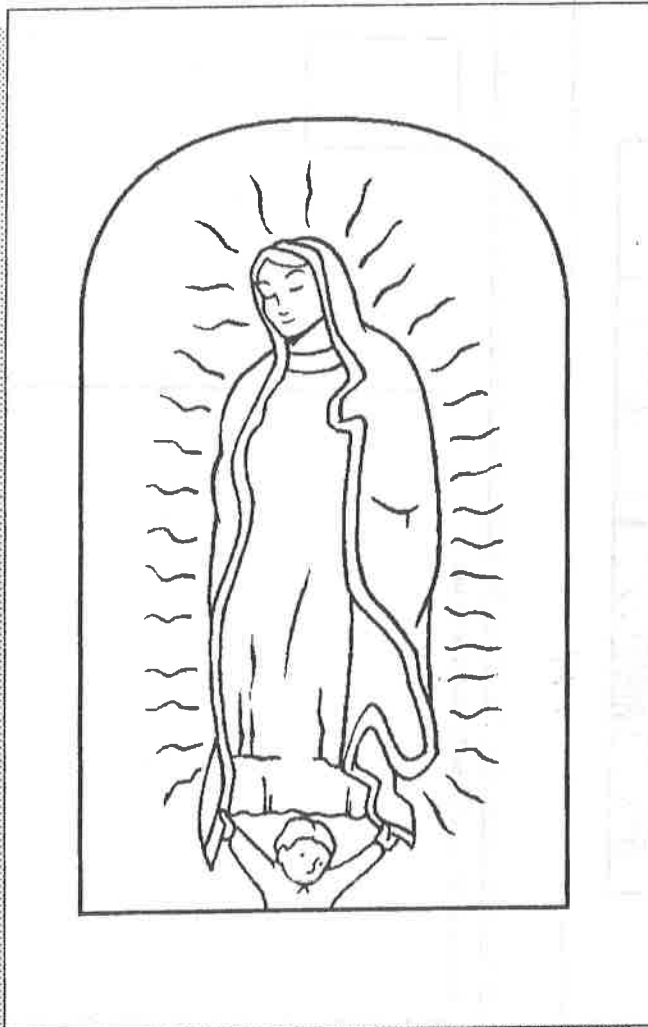


Culture of Mexico City

- Slide 2.4E Open-air market
- Slide 2.4F Plaza de Garibaldi
- Slide 2.4G Zona Rosa shopping district
- Slide 2.4H La Basílica de Guadalupe

Stop 2: La Basílica de Guadalupe

1. Read the information about Juan Diego, then answer this question: *What happened here on December 12, 1531, that changed Mexico forever?*
2. Examine the drawing of La Virgen de Guadalupe on **Student Handout 2.4A** to fill in the missing portion of the drawing on the postcard below.
3. On the back of the postcard, write to a friend describing what you have learned about the culture of Mexico City on the tour so far.



La Virgen de Guadalupe, Basílica de Guadalupe, La Ciudad de México



Neighborhoods of Mexico City

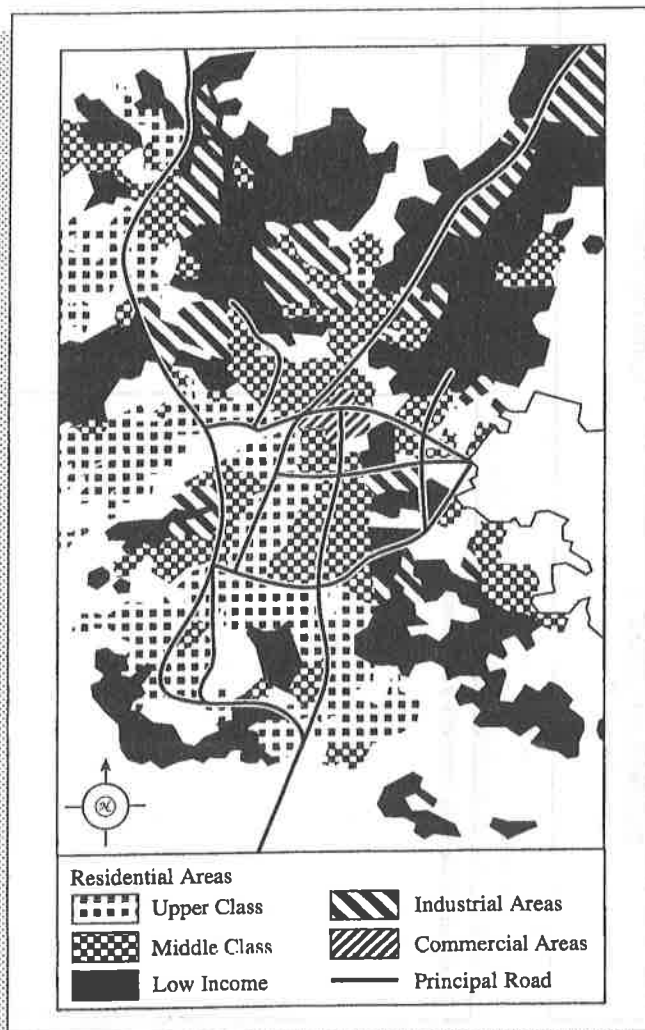
- Slide 2.4I Low-income residential area
Slide 2.4J Middle-class residential area
Slide 2.4K Upper-class residential area

Stop 3: Talk with José Fernández, Professor of Urban Studies, in a high-income neighborhood

1. Use the written information and map of Mexico City to answer these questions: *Generally, where in the city are most low-income neighborhoods? High-income neighborhoods?*

What are some of the differences between the three neighborhoods?

2. Examine the map of Mexico City neighborhoods on **Student Handout 2.4A** to fill in the missing portion of the map on the postcard below.
3. On the back of the postcard, write to a friend describing what you have learned about the neighborhoods of Mexico City on the tour so far.



Vecindarios de la Ciudad de México



Environment in Mexico City

Slide 2.4M Polluted river

Slide 2.4N Downtown Mexico City

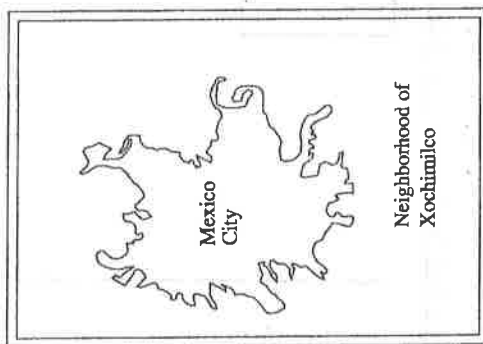
Stop 4: Environmental Studies Station

- Examine the information about the environment to these questions:
What has happened to the lake in the Valley of Mexico since the time of the Aztecs?

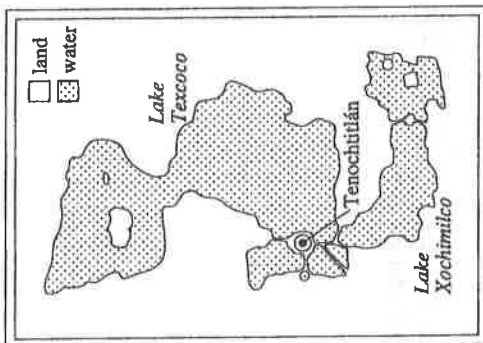
What problems does the lack of water cause in Mexico City?

Why is the air in Mexico City so polluted?

- Examine the maps on **Student Handout 2.4A** to fill in the missing portion of the map of Mexico City in 1995 on the postcard below.
- On the back of the postcard, write to a friend describing what you have learned about the environment of Mexico City on the tour so far.



Mexico City in 1995



Tenochtitlán and Surrounding Areas in 1521



The draining of the lakes in the Valley of Mexico