

Hernán Cortés and the Conquest of the Aztec Empire

A sample WHG Place Collection

This sample WHG collection describes in a simple form the movements of Hernan Cortes across the territory of present-day Mexico from February 1519 to August 1521 as he worked to conquer the Aztec Empire on behalf of the Spanish Empire. As it stands, this is not a completed work, and awaits some enhancements to the Place Collection feature to be completed by Fall 2022.

Data consists of 81 events of conquest including advances, retreats, rests, and renamings at 51 unique locations.

Sources: Place names, dates, and descriptions of the events at the locations were taken from the following sources: Jeremy Black, *World History Atlas* (London: Dorling Kindersley, 2015), 125; David F. Marley, *Wars of the Americas: A Chronology of Armed Conflict in the Western Hemisphere, 1492 to the Present* (Santa Barbara, Calif: ABC-Clio, 2008), 23-38; Miguel León-Portilla, *The Broken Spears: The Aztec Account of the Conquest of Mexico*, trans. Lysander Kemp (Boston: Beacon Press, 2006), xxv.

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