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Primary Sources

1. How do the descriptions of Cortes and Diaz differ?

2. How do you think Cortes and Diaz feel about the Aztec accomplishments?

- Day after day 60,000 people congregate here to buy and sell. Every imaginable kind of merchandise is available from all parts of the Empire, food stuffs and dress...gold, silver, copper and precious stones,....Everything is sold by the piece or by measurement, never by weight. In the main market there is a law court in which there are always ten judges performing their office and taking decisions on all marketing controversies.
- When we saw all those cities and villages built in the water, and other town on dry land, and that straight and level cause way leading to Mexico, we were astounded. These great towns and pyramids and buildings rising from the water all made of stone seemed like an enchanted vision...Indeed, some of our soldiers asked whether it was not all a dream.
 - Bernal Diaz, The Conquest of New Spain