

### **Tlaxcalan Characters**

Xicotenga the Elder, King – You are a 61 year-old king of the Tlaxcalan people. The Tlaxcalans are the last remaining nation that has not been conquered by the Aztecs and brought into their tribute system. However, you know that you cannot hold out much longer and in all these wars the Aztecs capture your young men and women to sacrifice to their gods. You are cautious in nature and like to hear various opinions before making a judgment. You have a wife and three sons, one of whom, Xicotenga the Younger, you are grooming to take over for you. Your success mission is to maintain the Tlaxcalans independent of the Aztec Empire and to improve Tlaxcala's power in the region.

Xicotenga the Younger, soldier and prince – You are the 32 year-old son of the Tlaxcalan king. You have been raised to be a great warrior. You are courageous, brave, and fearless. When you see a fight, you are ready to rush into the middle. You have intense pride in Tlaxcala and will do whatever it takes to strengthen your city and your nation. You want to prove that the Tlaxcalans can defeat anyone in battle. You have a wife and two girls, aged 5 and 2. Your success mission is to demonstrate Tlaxcala's military power and to defeat the Aztec empire.

Tecpanecatli, Tlaxcalan Captain - You are a 27 year-old Tlaxcalan military captain and warrior. You have war experience fighting against the Aztecs. In the most recent battle, you killed four Aztec warriors but your brother was taken prisoner and sacrificed to the Aztec gods. You have no wife but hope to start a family soon. You believe that the Tlaxcalans are losing their ability to hold off the expansion of the Aztec empire. You are looking for an advantage that can improve Tlaxcalan military power. Your success mission is to improve Tlaxcala's war tactics to ensure a victory over the Aztecs.

Acoxecatli, Tlaxcalan Warrior – You are a 26 year-old Tlaxcalan warrior. Your specialty is in the use of the macuahitl. When you enter the battlefield, the enemy just seems to melt before you. You are fearless in battle and have a deep pride in Tlaxcala. You have a wife and a 1 year-old son. While you thrill in war, you hope to have a future in which your son will not be killed on the battlefield. Your success mission is to use your skills to defeat the Aztecs so that these wars will not continue.

Piltecuhtli, Tlaxcalan Warrior - You are a 29 year-old warrior whose specialty is the bow-and-arrow. You have incredible aim and quickness in reloading arrows. You see the Aztec-Tlaxcalan wars as a natural part of life. You need to fight each other to prove your strengths on the battlefield and to obtain prisoners to sacrifice to the gods. Your success mission is to win more battles for the Tlaxcalans and to bring home more prisoners to sacrifice.

Textlipitl – Tlaxcalan Warrior, You are a 29 year-old warrior whose specialty is the blow dart. You have incredible aim and power in your darts. You see the Aztec-Tlaxcalan wars as a natural part of life. You need to fight each other to prove your strengths on the battlefield and to obtain prisoners to sacrifice to the gods. Your success mission is to win more battles for the Tlaxcalans and to bring home more prisoners to sacrifice.

Malinche - You are a 23 year-old Tabascan woman. You are extremely bright and have a facility with languages. You are open-minded and adventurous and have not yet been married. You like new things, to learn about the world, and to experience life. You can't imagine having a traditional life of being a planter and a wife. Your success mission is to have an adventure, to meet interesting people, and to live an unusual life.

### Aztec Characters

Montezuma, king – You are the 53 year-old king of the Aztec emperor. You are used to people listening to you and respecting you. You believe deeply in the Aztec religion and the noble destiny of the Aztec people. You are tall, strong, and have two wives. You consider yourself to be a thoughtful, careful, and curious ruler who thinks through decisions rather than taking rash action. Your success mission is to secure the safety of the Aztec empire and the safety of your people through any dangers.

Cuatemoc, nobleman – You are the 24 year-old cousin of the Aztec emperor, Montezuma. Your wife is one of Montezuma's daughters. Your name means "One that has descended like an Eagle" and you think of yourself like an eagle – smart, aggressive, fearless. You love your people, the Aztecs, and believe that they are destined for greatness. The Aztecs, in your view, have the gods on their side. You believe the Aztecs' strength is in their military power and you believe the Aztecs should never fear using that power. Your success mission is for the Aztecs to defeat any and all enemies on the battlefield in order to increase their power.

Cuitlahuac, prince – You are a 41 year-old prince of the Aztec Empire. You were the 11<sup>th</sup> son of your father and you are the younger brother of the emperor Montezuma. You have deep faith in the Aztec religion and in the importance of human sacrifice. Preserving the Aztec culture is the most important thing for you. You see Aztec rule in central Mexico as a natural and beneficial fact. Your success mission is to maintain Aztec power in Mexico above all else.

Teotlalco, Queen – You are the 29 year-old queen of the Aztec empire, wife of Montezuma. You have one child with him, your son. You consider your husband to be a great and wise ruler and you know that he listens to your advice. You view your noble lineage with pride. You are cautious and conservative. You want to make sure to maintain Aztec power. You care deeply about your family. You want to make sure that Montezuma does what is necessary to keep his family and people safe. Your success mission is to convince Montezuma to be cautious, careful, and to keep the safety of his family and people above all else.

Tlalpalizquixochtzin, Queen – You are the 25 year-old 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Montezuma. You have one daughter with him. Part of you wishes you could be his first wife, his main queen. You are of noble birth and are the daughter of another local king. You believe strongly in the great destiny of the Aztec people. You believe that sometimes Montezuma and his first wife can be too cautious. You consider yourself to be bold and daring. In a situation of crisis, you would like Montezuma to show strength. Your success mission is for the Aztecs to show their great power by defeating any enemy in battle.

Cuitlalpitoc, Ambassador – You are the 47 year-old Aztec nobleman and ambassador. Montezuma trusts your experience, wisdom, and loyalty. You are loyal to Montezuma and consider it your duty to follow his orders. You see yourself as Montezuma's agent when he is not around. You have a wife, Tlilpotonque, and four children, aged 8, 10, 14, 18. You are cautious and reserved. You like to follow tradition and to honor the Aztec culture. Your success mission is to ensure that the Aztecs have strong and positive relationships with other peoples.

Qualpopoca, Aztec administrator and military commander – You are a 42 year-old Aztec administrator and military commander. You have no wife or children. Your life is about government, war, and Aztec strength. Where there is a problem, you are there to fix it. You find Montezuma sometimes to be too careful and cautious. You believe that Aztec greatness is in its military strength and its ability to intimidate opponents. Your success mission is to ensure Aztec military power against all opponents.

Chimalpopoca, Montezuma's son – You are the 39 year-old son of the Aztec emperor. You are possibly the next in-line for the throne. You have studied military warfare and government your entire life but you have never had the experience of battle. You believe that the Aztec's greatest strength is in its diplomacy. The Aztecs are able to use negotiations and threats to get nearby tribes to follow their will, often without warfare. You have two children and two wives. Your success mission is to maintain Aztec power until you have the chance to be the king, hopefully without war.

Tzilacatzin, Aztec general – You are a 27 year-old Aztec warrior of the Ototin warrior class. You are fearless and mighty in battle. You fight with a shield and a sword and opponents flee before your great size, strength, and courage. You believe that the Aztecs, under your leadership, can defeat any enemy. You have no children or wife; your life is war and battle. Your success mission is to lead the Aztecs to victory in all military battles.

Tzoyectzin, Aztec general – You are a 42 year-old Aztec general. You have fought in many battles and have taken many enemies prisoner for sacrifice. You believe that the Aztecs are mighty on the battlefield but that all the wars have taken their toll. Too many of your own people have been lost, including your three brothers. You would like to help lead the Aztec people in peace, not only in war. You like to learn new tactics in war and to learn about new technologies, especially those that could increase the Aztecs power. Your success mission is to increase Aztec strength through better weapons and technologies so that you do not have to fight wars.

Temoctzin, Aztec general – You are a 38 year-old Aztec general who has spent your entire career in the service of Montezuma and the Aztec people. You believe that the Aztecs have the greatest army in the world but would like to make it even stronger to defeat the Tlaxcalans. You believe that the key to winning wars is to have better weapons than the enemy. You love Tenochtitlan except for one factor: the human sacrifices. You find them to be gruesome and unnecessary; you cannot believe the gods rely on them. Your success mission is to develop stronger weapons that can help the Aztecs defeat the Tlaxcalans and to end human sacrifice.

Cuauhcoatl, Aztec priest – You are a 51 year-old high priest of the Aztec empire. You have devoted your entire life to the Aztec religion and to your gods, especially Huitzilopochtli, the god of war. You believe that the world depends on human sacrifice and the Aztec tradition of capturing warriors to shed their blood on the altar. In your view, with the gods on your side the Aztecs could rule the world. You believe deeply in the Aztec prophecies. Your success mission is to keep the traditions and practices of the Aztec religion strong to keep the gods on your side.

Tecohuentzin, Aztec priest – You are a 47 year-old high priest of the Aztec empire. You have devoted your entire life to the Aztec gods, especially Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent. You believe that the world depends on human sacrifice and the Aztec tradition of capturing warriors to shed their blood on the altar. In your view, with the gods on your side the Aztecs could rule the world. You believe deeply in the Aztec prophecies. You await Quetzalcoatl's return with all of your soul. Your success mission is keep all of the gods, and especially Quetzalcoatl, on the Aztecs' side.

Axoquentzin, Aztec warrior – You are a 27 year-old Aztec warrior whose specialty is the use of the *macuahuitl*. When you enter the battlefield with macuahitl in hand, the enemy seems to melt before you. You are fearless in battle and have a deep pride in Tenochtitlan. You have a wife, Citlalli, and a 5 year-old son. While you take thrill in war, you hope to have a future in which your son will not be taken prisoner to be sacrificed. You will do anything to prevent that. Your success mission is to use your skills to defeat the Tlaxcalans so that these wars will not continue.

Tzihuacpopocatzin, Aztec Noble and Ambassador – You are a 37 year-old Aztec nobleman and ambassador. Montezuma trusts your experience, wisdom, and loyalty greatly. You are loyal to Montezuma and consider it your duty to follow his orders. You have a wife and three children, aged 7, 9, and 12. You are naturally cautious and reserved. You like to follow tradition and to honor the ways of the Aztec people. Your success mission is to ensure that the Aztecs have strong and positive relationships with other peoples.

Tlilpotonque, midwife – You are a 37 year-old Aztec midwife who helps women deliver babies in childbirth. You are deeply religious and dedicate your work to Coatlicue, an Aztec goddess. You are married to Cuitlahuac, a prince of the empire and have three children of your own, aged 8, 3, and 1. You have delivered all of the children of Montezuma. You see life as a great cycle in which obedience to the gods ensures fertility, continuance, and tradition. Your success mission is to maintain the future of your family and of the Aztec people by following your gods and culture.

Cuappiatzin, Chief of the house of arrows – You are a 34 year-old administrator of the Aztec army. You are in charge of maintaining the storehouse of Aztec weapons, especially the projectiles like arrows and darts. You dream of building the greatest “house of arrows” that Tenochtitlan has ever seen. Your success mission is to build the Aztec armory to include the greatest collection of weapons in the history of Mexico.

Quetzalatzin, Keeper of the chalk – You are the 32 year-old scribe in charge of recording Aztec history through pictographs. Montezuma sends you where the action is so that you can record the great events of his reign. You are highly educated and take your job seriously; you consider it a great honor to record political events. Your success mission is to keep a visual record of all events in Montezuma’s reign so that it can be remembered for all time.

Topantemoc, Montezuma’s treasurer – You are the 34 year-old keeper of the gold, silver, and jewelry of the empire. Only you have the key to the greatest storehouse of riches on earth. You have a wife, Chimalma, and three children. Your best friend is Cuatemoc, a nobleman and Montezuma’s cousin. You take great pride in your family and in your job. Your success mission is to increase the wonders of the storehouse by gaining more riches and valuable items to store there.

Tecatzin, Chief of the armory - You are a 37 year-old administrator of the Aztec army. You are in charge of maintaining the storehouse of Aztec weapons, especially the shields, swords, and macuahuitl. You love the beauty of weapons and dream of building the greatest “house of arrows” that Tenochtitlan has ever seen. Your success mission is to build the Aztec armory to include the greatest collection of weapons in the history of Mexico.

Tlacotzin, Aztec warrior - You are a 28 year-old Aztec warrior whose specialty is the bow-and-arrow. When you enter the battlefield with your weapons in hand, the enemy seems to melt before you. You are fearless in battle and have a deep pride in your city. You have a wife and a 5 year-old son. While you take thrill in war, you hope to have a future in which your son will not be taken prisoner to be sacrificed. You will do anything to prevent that. Your success mission is to use your skills to defeat the Tlaxcalans so that these wars will not continue.

Chimalma, Aztec woman, wife Topantemoc – You are a 27 year-old wife of the Aztec treasurer. You have three children and stay at home to raise them and you also go out to your chinampa (floating field) to pick crops. You take pride in your husband having a high position in the government. He often tells you about life at the royal court and how he has the ear of the king. You love Tenochtitlan except for one factor: the human sacrifices. You find them to be gruesome and unnecessary. Your success mission is to raise strong and healthy children and to use your husband’s position to end human sacrifice.

Citlalli, Aztec woman, wife of the warrior Axoquentzin – You are a 22 year-old wife of a great Aztec warrior. You are currently 3 months pregnant. You plan to stay at home with your child while your husband goes off to battle. You have dreams of a world at peace for your child and one in which your husband will not have to constantly go to war against the Tlaxcalans. Your success mission is to raise a healthy child and to find a way to prevent constant warfare against the Tlaxcalans.

Teyacapan, Aztec woman, court servant – You are a 21 year-old servant at the royal palace. You are bring food and drinks to Montezuma and his guests. As an ordinary Aztec, you are always amazed at the wealth and glamour of life in the palace, but you know it will never be yours. You dream of something more, but you don't know what it could be. You do not love the king or the noblemen who live in the palace since they mostly ignore you. Your success mission is to break free of this life of servitude and find a life in which you can control your own destiny.

Erendira, Aztec woman, wife of Tzilacatzin and court cook – You are a 24 year-old wife of one of the great Aztec generals and you are a cook in the royal palace. Your specialty is in making the sacred Xocoatl, or chocolate, drink for Montezuma. You have no children but dream of beginning a family with your husband. You are extremely loyal to Montezuma and to all of his noblemen and generals. You take great pride in feeding him. Your success mission is to always serve as Montezuma's cook and to raise a healthy family with at least three children.

### **Spanish Characters**

Hernán Cortés, Conquistador – You are the 34 year-old leader of an expedition to colonize parts of Mexico in the name of King Charles V of Spain. You come from a poor family of lower nobility status and you have dreams of increasing your rank, fame, and wealth.. You understand that you are undergoing a venture in which two previous expeditions have failed when they got into battles with powerful natives. You are embarking with about 300 men under your command and you understand that their lives are in your hand. You have deep Christian faith and believe that it is your duty to convert natives to Christianity. Your success mission is to colonize powerful parts of Mexico by making them loyal (or vassals) to your king, to gain great wealth, to convert souls, to gain fame and glory, and to maintain the safety and health of your crew.

Pedro de Alvarado, Second-in-Command – You are a 34 year-old captain, second-in-command to Cortés. You are loyal to Cortés but you have a different vision. While Cortés values diplomacy and alliance-building you favor war. You mistrust natives and look down upon them. You would prefer to gain power by destroying the opposition. Your wife, Teresa, died two years before and your sadness, perhaps, explains your anger toward people you view as enemies. Your success mission is to find a way to take over the Aztec capital by force to secure your name in history, to defeat them in battle, and to use it as a steppingstone for further conquests in the region.

Gonzalo Dominguez, Horseman – You are a 29 year-old horseman. You come from a family of horsemen. Your father gained fame in the wars against the Moors. You want to make your name. People still speak of your father and grandfather's heroic deeds. You have a wife and 2 year-old son in Spain. You want your son to grow up proud of his father's courage. Your success mission is to gain fame, to make your name spoken with awe when Spaniards remember this expedition.

Cristoval de Olid, soldier – You are a 32 year-old adventurer, soldier, and explorer. You were born in Spain and grew up in the household of the governor of Cuba, Diego Velazquez. On Cortés' expedition you are a captain and a quartermaster. You are not married. You are extremely loyal to Cortés and fearless in battle. Your success mission is to protect Cortés and his interests and to follow Cortés toward fame and wealth through this New World adventure.

Francisco de Morla, captain – You are a 28 year-old captain of one of the ships on the Cortés expedition. You are an excellent horseman and adept at the crossbow. You are religious and believe that the expedition is God's mission to bring Jesus and Christianity to the New World. Your success depends on leading your section of the troops and to spread Christianity. You are naturally cautious and favor diplomacy over battle.

Gaspar Ortiz, Musician – You are a 23 year-old musician. You are on the voyage as an entertainer for your fellow travelers and any friendly natives. You are there to improve relations through the strings of your musical instruments. You are also looking for opportunities to bring riches like gold and silver back to Spain. You are not married and would not mind the chance to meet some young ladies while you are on your adventure. Your success mission is to keep good relations between the Spanish and native groups and to bring home significant wealth.

Bartolomé de Olmedo, priest – You were born in Spain and your father was a doctor. About five years ago you became a priest. You have great faith in Jesus and in the mission to bring Christianity, and Jesus' word, to the New World. Your success mission is to sincerely convert as many natives as possible to be true followers of Christianity.

Juan Sedeno, wealthy soldier and merchant – You are a 37 year-old soldier and merchant and you are the wealthiest member of the expedition. You travel along with your own horse, a black slave, and your own collection of foods like dried pork. Your goal is one thing: money. You are there to find treasures, preferably gold, to bring back to Spain to help your business interests. Your success mission is to gain wealth however that may be.

Alonso de Avila, a captain and treasurer – You are a 33 year-old experienced captain in Cortés' regiment. You have already been to the Mexican coast on a previous mission. You are leading a ship on Cortés' expedition. You will be in charge of keeping track and guarding any wealth and riches that the Spanish gain on the expedition to bring back 1/5 of it to the king. You have a wife named Leonor who is the sister of Pedro de Alvarado. You have no children. Your success mission is to have your troops maintain loyalty to you and Cortés, to gain wealth, and to do well enough in the expedition to earn advancement in your career.

Gonzalo de Sandoval, captain – You are a 28 year-old captain in Cortés' expedition. You like power, you like to command other men, you like your voice to be heard. You want to make sure to have a leader who will hear your point of view. You are in this expedition because you love adventure, the rush of battle, new lands, excitement, and conquest. You want to know that while you are still young you will do something that enters the history books. Your success mission is to know that your time in Mexico will involve great and heroic adventures.

Antonio de Villafana, soldier – You are a 22 year-old soldier in Cortés' expedition. You are there for adventure and fame but also to support the interests of your friend, the Cuban governor, Diego Velazquez. Cortés does not know about your loyalties to Velazquez. You are suspicious of Cortés and his desire for power. You think he will try to take Mexico for himself and will betray his people. If you see any signs of him being power-hungry, you will consider an attempt to overthrow him. Your success mission is to overthrow Cortés, if necessary, by getting the help of Cristoval de Olid and Juan Sedeno at some point in the role-play.

Martin Lopez, master shipbuilder – You are a 34 year-old carpenter with a wife and two children who remained in Spain. You take great pride in the construction of your ships. You are not incredibly interested in big political events or conquests. For you, this expedition is an opportunity to make a little money, which you can bring back to Spain to support your family. Your success mission is to survive and to make it home to build a life with your wife and children.

