Read **The Aztecs** p. 124-128 and list some details about the Aztec society and Aztec cultural achievements

**Aztec Society Cultural Achievements**

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| Aztec Emperor was the most important in society and he attended to law, trade, tribute and warfare. | Stone pyramids and statues created by the architects and sculptors. |
| Nobles helped the Emperor as tax collectors, judges, and other government officials. | Artisans made jewelry and masks using gold, gems and feathers. |
| Noble positions were passed down from fathers to sons. | Colorful designs were embroidered on cloth the women wove. |
| Below the emperor and his nobles was a class of warriors and priests. | Aztecs valued learning. |
| Warriors were highly respected and had many privileges. Priests led religious ceremonies, kept the calendar and decided when to plant and harvest. | Studied astronomy. |
| Merchants and artisans were below the warriors and priest. | Created a calendar much like the Maya one. |
| The lower class ofAztec society were the farmers and laborers, who made up the majority of the population. Many didn’t own land and paid so much tribute that it was tough to survive. | Kept detailed written records of historical and cultural events. |
| Slaves were at the very bottom of the Aztec society. | Strong oral tradition, stories about ancestors and gods were passed from one generation to another. (riddles and speeches) |