Conquest of Mexico: Timeline

Important People, Places, Events,

1492-----------------Columbus Lands on an island, what is probably now called the

Dominican Republic

1502-----------------Moctezuma II becomes *tlatoani*, ruler of Tenochtitlan and a vast

empire in Mexico

1511-14------------Spaniards conquer Cuba and establish base there

1517-----------------First Spanish expedition to explore Mexico, Mexicas observe omens

of doom

1518-----------------Juan de Grijalva explores Yucatán

Feb. 10, 1519-----Defying Governor Velásquez's orders, Cortés Leaves Cuba to conquer Mexico

June 3, 1519-------Spaniards arrive at Cempoala

Sept. 2-20, 1519-Spaniards fight with Tlaxcalans but end by winning Tlaxcalan allies

Oct. 1519-----------Massacre at Cholula

Nov. 8, 1519-------Spaniards peacefully enter Tenochtitlan

Nov. 14, 1519-----Cortés puts Moctezuma under house arrest

May, 1520----------Cortés leaves Tenochtitlan to fight army brought by Panfílo de

Narváez

May, 1520----------Pedro de Alvarado and other Spaniards massacre people at Tóxcatl

festival

June 24, 1520-----Cortés returns to Tenochtitlan

June 1529-----------Cuitlahuac chosen as *tlatoani* or ruler of Tenochtitlan

June 1520-----------Moctezuma killed

June 30, 1520-----*La noche triste*, The Night of Sorrows, Spaniards suffer heavy losses

leaving Tenochtitlan

July, 1520-----------Spaniards reach Tlaxcala and are welcomed

Oct., 1520-----------Plague ravages Tenochtitlan

Dec., 1520----------Cuitlahuac dies from smallpox

Feb., 1521-----------Cuahtémoc becomes *tlatoani* or ruler of Tenochtitlan

May, 1521------------Spaniards besiege Tenochtitlan

May, 1521------------Spaniards cut off water to the city

June, 1521-----------Spaniards attempt to enter city

July, 1521-------------Spaniards decide to destroy city

August 7, 1521------Pedro de Alvarado suffers heavy losses trying to take marketplace

of Tlatelolco

August 13, 1521----Cuautémoc imprisoned; battle for Tenochtitlan is over