**The Conquistadors and the Aztecs**

The Spaniards had several advantages over the Aztecs. First, they had stronger weapons such as cannons, guns and swords. The Aztecs only had bow, arrows and spears. Second, the Spaniards had horses. Fighters on horseback could easily overpower fighters on foot. Third, they received help from local people who did not like living under the harsh Aztec rule. In addition, many Aztecs died of smallpox which was a disease brought by the Spaniards. Finally, by 1521, the Aztec Empire had fallen.