

National Hispanic Heritage Month

(September 15 to October 15)

From mid-September through mid-October, America recognizes the contributions, culture, and heritage of Hispanic Americans.



The traditions and experiences of Hispanic Americans help make the United States a diverse and exciting place to live.

Aztec Sun Stone



- The Stone shows how the Aztecs believed the world went through four creations and destructions.
- They called each creation a sun.
- They worshipped the sun because it provided life to all people.
- Aztecs used glyphs, or picture symbols, to communicate meaning.
- One feature of the stone is an elaborate calendar system with the face of the sun in the center.
- We still do not fully understand the exact purpose or meaning.



Facts:

- 24-ton sculpture
- about 12 feet across
- discovered in Mexico City in 1790.
- displayed at Mexico's National Museum of Anthropology
- carved in the 15th century.
- Shows the 20 days of the Aztec calendar



The [Aztecs](#) lived in Mexico from around 1300-1500 AD.



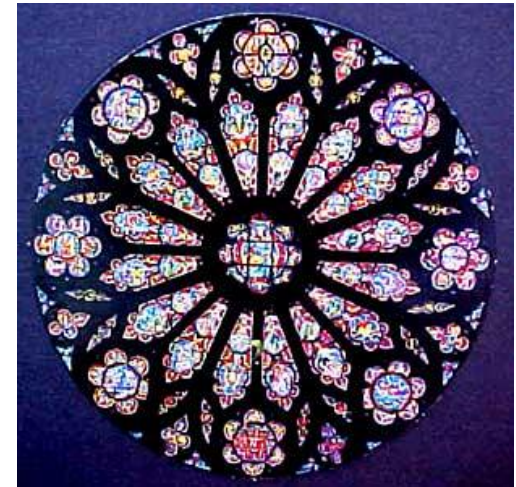
Principle of Art: Balance Symmetry



Radial Symmetry

Design is symmetrical
whichever way you turn it.

Lines or shapes spread out
from a central point



Does the Aztec Sun Stone demonstrate radial symmetry?



