

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. How long did it take Quetzalcoatl to recover from his wounds?
2. Why are the priests of Tezcatlipoca his enemies?
3. How do they describe Quetzalcoatl?
4. Why do they think his offering will not rouse their gods?
5. What do they predict?
6. What does the crowd, influenced by these priests, do?
7. How does Quetzalcoatl calm them?
8. What does he say he does not fear?
9. What does he fear?
10. To what literal practice of the priests of Tezcatlipoca does he refer?



Scientists have found remnants of cotton that are 7,000 years old in caves in Mexico. This cotton plant in Texas has been treated with a chemical that kills the leaves and makes for an easier harvest. Cotton is one of the three key plants that Cabrera discusses in his epic. (© Creative Commons / USDA)