

6. Name and explain the figure of speech in line 249.

***Haud secus incertos:*** Litotes: “not otherwise.”

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. In line 232, what three things did the young people enjoy?

*The melody, the waves, and the pleasing shore.*

2. In line 238, what classical creature is said to be here?

*Echo, who repeated what she heard.*

3. What athletic contest is going on?

*A boat race.*

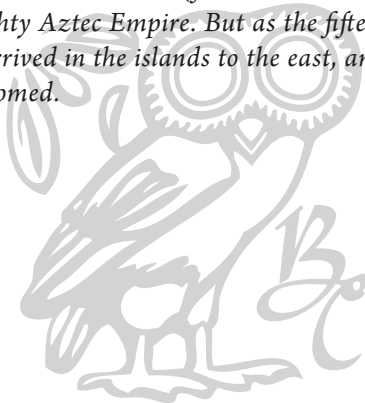
4. What do they do after victory?

*Wander through the canals between the gardens.*

5. What kind of paths are there?

*Very uncertain ones.*

So the hardworking Mexica built cities largely of stone on the islands on a platform of reeds and sod anchored in the lake by great poles. The most magnificent of these was **Tenochtitlán** (founded c. 1325 CE), which became the capital of the mighty Aztec Empire. But as the fifteenth century drew to a close Columbus arrived in the islands to the east, and Tenochtitlán and all its empire were doomed.



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