Las Posadas
A Mexican Tradition

Go to http://www.mexonline.com/christmas.htm
Find the answers to the following questions.
1. What do Las Posadas commemorate?
2. When are they celebrated?
3. How do posadas traditionally end?
4. When are gifts exchanged? Why?
5. What is a roscada?
6. What must the winner do?
7. How is Nochebuena (Christmas Eve) celebrated in Oaxaca?
8. How is Christmas celebrated in the Zócalo in Mexico City?

Go to http://www.mexconnect.com/MEX/austin/posadas.html to find these answers.
9. What does posada mean in English?
10. Who leads the procession?
11. What do the participants carry as they go?
12. What is a piñata?
13. What is the traditional shape for a piñata? Why?

Go to http://www.mexconnect.com/mex_/travel/ldumois/ldcposadas.html
14. What are villancicos?
15. How is singing a part of the posadas tradition?
What did the Aztecs celebrate between the 7th and 26th of December?
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17. How did the Spanish priests gain acceptance for Christian holidays?
18. What are pastorelas?
19. How did pastorelas help spread Christianity in México?
20. What are nacimientos? What figures do they usually include?