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Multiple square supports stand in a courtyard of stone. The upper half of the supports is made of small, flat stones, while the lower half is covered in a coating of plaster. Apparently, at some point in the past the building that these supports supported was destroyed. Tula, or Tollan, is the ancient capital of the pre-Columbian Toltec society. The city was in use from approximately AD 850 to 1150. The original city was larger than three square miles and supported a population larger than ten thousand people. The central plaza of the city has a large stepped pyramid dedicated to the god Quetzalcoatl. The pyramids of Tula are highly decorated and include images of humans and animals. The Toltec society inspired the Aztec empire that followed it in both architecture and artistry.



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