

Previous knowledge: What should I already know?

- Know who the Anglo-Saxons were and where they lived.
- Place the Anglo-Saxon's into a historical time period.
- Understand how Anglo-Saxons lived, including the importance of village life.
- Understand how the Anglo-Saxons were ruled.

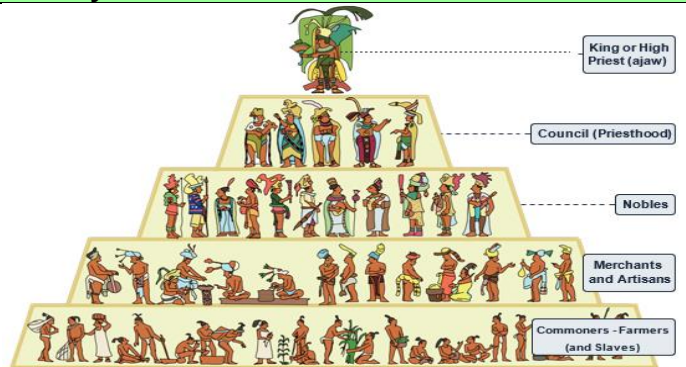
Key knowledge: What should I know by the end of the unit?

- Know who the Maya were and where they lived.
- Know what made the Maya civilisation successful.
- Understand how we know about the Maya.
- Know how the Maya were ruled and how their lives compared to the lives of the Anglo-Saxons.
- Know what the Maya believed in and who they worshipped.

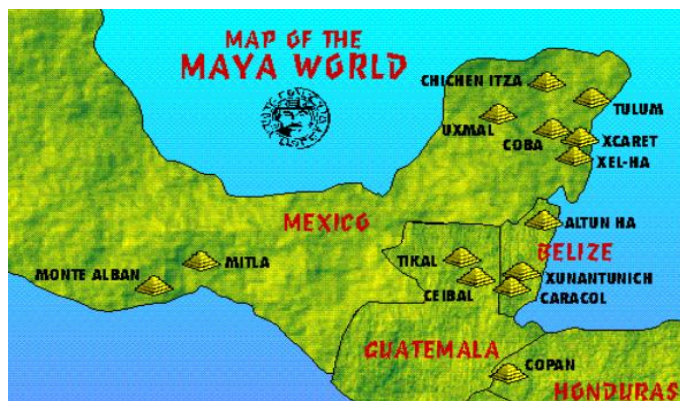
Who ruled the Maya?

Artefacts show that life was very different for the rich and poor in Maya society.

The Maya were not a unified empire with a capital city. Instead, each city was a state with its own rule and a council of high priests. The city states often went to war with each other to prove who was the strongest.



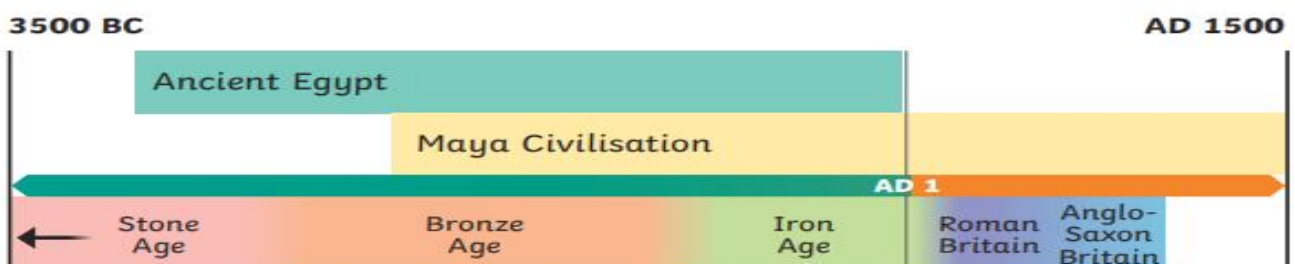
Where did the Maya live?



A Mayan pyramid at Chichen Itza.

Vocabulary

- cacao beans** – cacao trees sprout pods from their trunks. The beans are dried, roasted and ground.
- civilisation** – a human society with rules and government. Technology and the arts are important
- codices** – ancient handwritten texts.
- drought** – a long period of time with little or no rain.
- jaguar** – a large, heavy cat with yellowish fur and black spots.
- maize** – another word for corn. It was made into a dough and baked in tortillas.
- pyramid** – a large structure with a square of triangular base and sloping sides built of stone.
- scribes** – people trained to write things down, either as an official record or for someone unable to write.
- society** – a community of people who have common traditions, activities and interests.
- The Afterlife**
- The Middleworld** – The Maya believed that the Earth, which they called the Middleworld, was large and flat and resting n the back of a turtle or a crocodile.
- The Upperworld** – The Maya believed this was in the sky or heavens and was connected to the Middleworld by the branches of a tree.
- The Underworld** – The tree connecting its branches to the Upperworld was also believed to grow its roots to the Underworld.



	End of unit
Where did the Maya live? Use the names that these places are known as today.	
Name something that the Maya invented and describe it in your own words,	
Who was at the top of society in the Maya and who was at the bottom?	Top – Bottom -
How do we know about the Maya?	
How were the Maya ruled?	
In what ways was life for the Maya similar to that of the Anglo-Saxons?	
In what ways was life for the Maya different to that of the Anglo-Saxons?	

