

Maya Civilisation and Benin Kingdom Knowledge Mat

Sticky Knowledge- What do I need to know?

Week 1 I know that the Maya civilisation began in approximately 2000BC and lasted until the arrival of the Spanish in the 16th Century AD. It was in Southeastern Mexico and Central America including the modern countries of Guatemala, Belize, Honduras and El Salvador. Other civilisations around at this time were the Ancient Egyptians, the Ancient Greeks and the Roman Empire.

Week 2 I can name some Maya cities including Uxmal, Coba, Tikal and Tulum. I know that Chichen Itza is in Mexico and can still be visited today, It has a famous pyramid called the Kukulcan Pyramid.

Week 3 I can compare the everyday life of noble people and the commoners in Maya civilisation, for example, the nobles lived in palaces inside the city and lived an easy life whereas the commoners lived in mud huts away from the city and had to work very hard usually as farmers or labourers.

Week 4 I know that the Kingdom of Benin was from the 1200s to the 1800s AD, in western Africa, in what is now Nigeria.

Week 5 I can use images and artefacts to learn about life in the Kingdom of Benin.

Key Vocabulary- What words do I need to know and understand?

civilisation

It is a group of people with their own languages and way of life.

nobles

Important people who served as government officials and military leaders.

commoners

People who worked for the nobles or were farmers or labourers.

oba

It is the Yuroba word for 'king'

kingdom

It is a territory or group of people ruled by the same monarch.

edo

A member of a people living in the Benin region

artefact

An artefact is an object made by a human being. Artefacts include art, tools and clothing made by people of any time and place.