

History : Year 5 The Maya

What should I already know...

How to describe and compare some of the features of earliest civilisation

Knowledge of Ancient Greeks and Ancient Egyptian civilisations

Recognise why some events happened and the impact of these events.

Vocabulary

Mesoamerica

Civilisation

Culture

Mayan/maya

Slash and burn

Terracing

Crop rotation

Aqueduct

Pok to pok

What I will know about /be able to do at the end of this unit.

How the Mayan cities traded with each other sometimes using cacao beans as money.

The religion was polytheistic. The Maya believed that after death you went to the underworld. Mayan rulers and priests were believed to be in contact with the Gods.

Sacrifices and blood letting were apart of the Culture.

Wars between city states , weapons and taxes.

Mayan foods including maize and cacao.

The Mayan beauty concept including flattened forehead, cross eyes, tattoos and teeth filings.

Mayan buildings including pyramids, stone buildings and temples. Flat tops on Mayan pyramids were used for religious ceremonies.

Significant people:- Kings and archaeologists .

Important numbers 3 calendars, the number zero.

The Maya today number **about six million people**

Important dates

2500 BC—910 AD dates of the start and end of the Ancient Maya civilisation.

250 AD –910 AD Classic Mayan period

1605 AD Arrival of conquistadors (Spanish invaders) in Mesoamerica.

