

Questions (over 7 lessons)

Where did the Maya live?
What were the significant events in the Maya's history?
What were Maya city- states like?
City-state study – Tikal, Palenque or Chichen Itza.
What did the Maya invent?
What happened to the Maya city-states?
Compare location, settlement, people, culture and invention between Anglo-Saxons and Maya c. AD 900

Sources
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Key Vocabulary

Tier 2	Tier 3
Population	Deforestation
Famine	Codex
Descendent	Sacrifice
Declining	Astronomy
Citizen	Warrior
Native	Polytheistic

Year 5 -Study the Maya civilisation and compare to the Anglo-Saxons c. AD 900

Big ideas/Substantive Concepts

Civilisation

A large group of people who follow similar laws, religion and rules.
Great civilisations have cities, architecture, laws, culture and art.

Power

The power to advance technology, architecture and the arts.
Power to attack different city-states.
Religion and the beliefs the Maya held were extremely powerful.
Great kings were powerful – they didn't unify the Maya and the civilisation was constantly warring.

Knowledge

Knowledge to build incredible structures – pyramids, temples and tombs.
Knowledge to invent a number system based on 20.
Knowledge to create a writing system using glyphs gave the ancient Maya great power...
The Maya created an advanced system for recording time through calendars.

Making connections to prior learning

Year 3 History
Roman Empire its impact on Britain
Year 4 History
Anglo-Saxon settlement and Viking struggle for Britain
Year 4 / Year 5 Geography study of the world, including location of N and S America
Year 5 Science
Light Earth and Space

Disciplinary Knowledge- thinking as a historian

Chronology	Cause and consequence	Change and continuity	Similarity and difference	Evidence	Significance
<p>Describe the changes the Maya civilisation went through between AD 250 and AD 900.</p> <p>What was happening in Britain at the same time as the Maya were at their most powerful?</p> <p>How had Britain changed during the rise and decline of the Maya civilisation?</p>	<p>What were the factors historians thought led to the decline of the Maya?</p> <p>What was the effect of fighting between city-states?</p> <p>What effect could deforestation have had on the environment around city-states?</p>	<p>How did Maya civilisations change through their innovations?</p> <p>During the period AD 250 to AD 900, what stayed the same for the Maya civilisation?</p> <p>Why do you think the Maya civilisation declined?</p> <p>Agree or disagree? The Maya civilisation ended in AD 900.</p>	<p>What was similar between Maya city- states and Anglo- Saxon kingdoms?</p> <p>What was different between Maya city- states and Anglo- Saxon kingdoms?</p> <p>What other civilisations across the world had similarity to the Maya?</p> <p>Why do you say that?</p>	<p>How do we know about the Maya civilisation?</p> <p>Which sources do you think were the most useful to know about the Maya people and their way of life?</p> <p>What are Maya glyphs, stelae and codex?</p> <p>Why were stelae useful to archaeologists? What did they tell them?</p>	<p>What were the significant Maya inventions?</p> <p>Which of the Maya inventions do you think were the most significant?</p> <p>Why do you think that?</p>