



Vocabulary

Mysterious Maya Key Questions



Key Individual Ixcaaco goddess

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Extrapolate	To predict by using past experience or known data from one issue to another.
Polytheists	People who believe in several gods and goddess
Plausible	Could something be true
excavate	Dig out material from the ground.
Codex	An ancient manuscript text in book form
City—state	A city that with its surrounding territory forms an independent state.

Who is Ixcacao?

What is a Cenote?

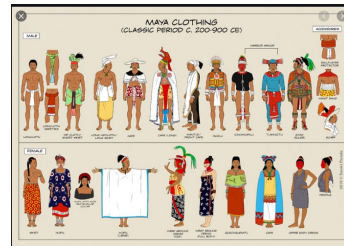
How did the Maya believe they had been created?

Why did the Maya believe royal blood was so important?



Key Facts
The Maya were one of the first to use the concept of zero
They Maya calendar finished in 2012 when many believed the world would end.
The Maya cities have been shown by lidar to be bigger than first thought
The Maya have a goddess of chocolate
Their most famous monuments are the pyramids they built as part of their religious centres, and the palaces
There are still about 6 million Maya people living in Central America.

Work Examples



Timeline

1100 BC the first hunter gathers settle along the pacific coast and then expand into the central highlands.

800BC
Village farming and trade

700 BC
Mayan writing

400BC Solar calendars carved in stone.

100BC pyramids are build

AD1502 First contact with Europeans made