

History – The Maya Civilization

In History this term we are looking at the ancient Maya civilization. We will be finding out who they were, when they lived and looking more closely at what their lives were like.



Starter

Maya Civilisation -What do you know?

1. Record any facts you already know about the Maya Civilisation.
2. In another colour, write down any questions you would like to find the answers to.
3. At the end of the lesson use a third colour to write down any answers you have found out, or any new facts you have learnt.

Do you have any new questions?



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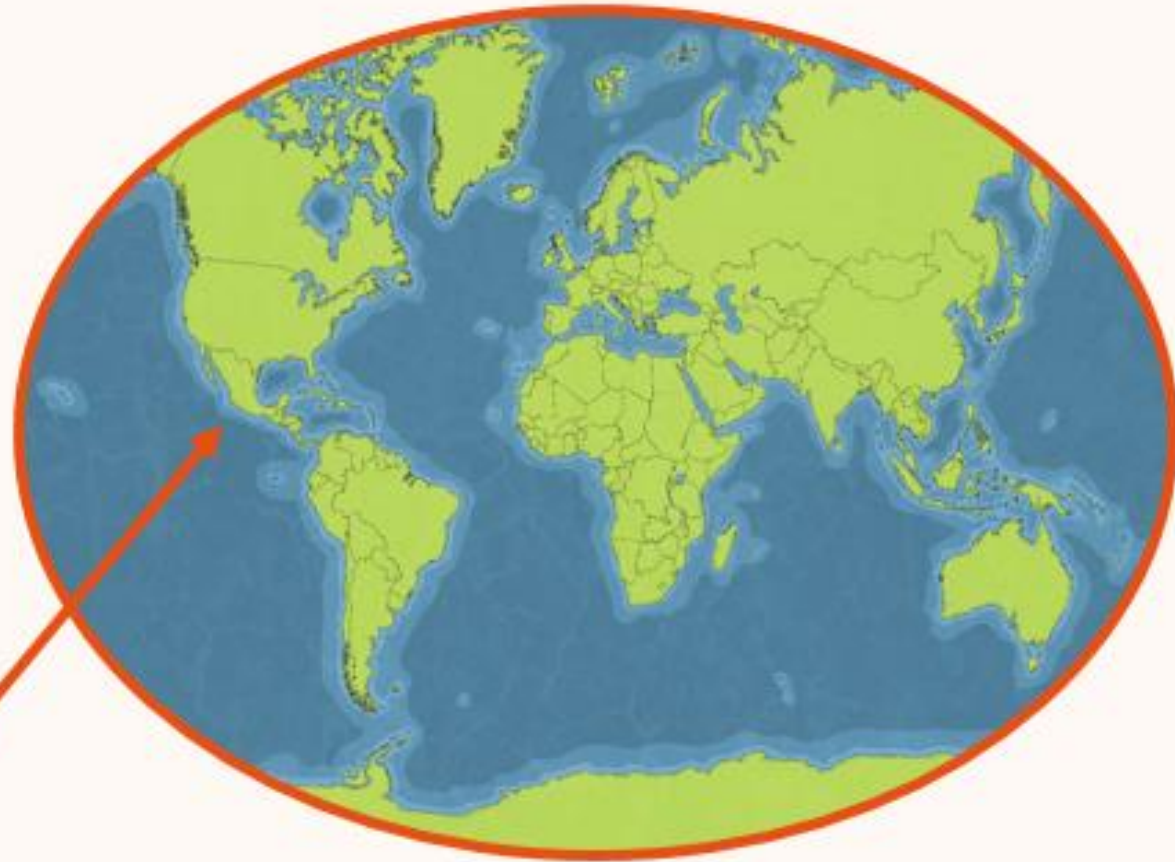


An introduction to the ancient Maya

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw/articles/zqv6msg>

Read the information and watch the video clips to learn more about who the ancient Maya were.

Where did they live?



Mexico & Central America

When was the Maya Civilisation?

The Maya civilisation came into being around 2000 BC but the Classic Period from around AD 200 onwards was when their cities became large and powerful.

By AD 900 the major cities of Palanque, Tikal and Copan had been mysteriously abandoned. No one knows for sure why. Perhaps they stretched the farming too far, perhaps the climate changed and affected food production, maybe there was an illness that swept through the population. By AD 1500 the Maya were a long way past their prime and the cities had fallen to ruin.



Who were they?

The Mayas were scholars who invented their own system of writing and were skilled astronomers and mathematicians.



After watching the videos and reading the information see if you can answer the following questions.

Who were the ancient Maya?

Where did they live?

What was this civilization famous for?

Task

Your task is to create a tourist information page on the ancient Maya. It may be a good idea to do this on A4 paper. You need to include information about who the ancient Maya were, when they lived and what they were famous for.

On your information page remember to include pictures, colour and factual information that you have learnt.



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