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Mayan Civilisation

Year 6

Subject: History

11,000 BCE



First hunter-gatherers settle in Maya region

500 CE



Tikal becomes the first great Mayan city, and as people move there, weaponry, captives and human sacrifices become part of their culture

683 CE



Emperor Pacal dies at 80 and is buried in the Temple of Inscriptions at Palenque

869 CE



Construction stops in Tikal beginning the city's decline

900 CE



Mayan history collapses

2600 BCE



Mayan civilization begins

600 CE



An unknown event destroys Teotihuacan, Tikal becomes the largest city state

715 CE



Mayan alliances breakdown, trade declines and inter-state conflict increases

899 CE



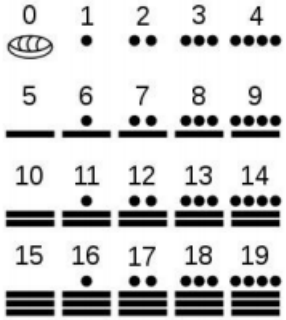
Tikal is abandoned

1528 CE



The Spanish arrive in Mayan land bringing diseases that kill over 90% of the natives

The Mayan Number System





Key People and Places

Chichen Itza



One of the best-preserved examples of a Mayan city. It is a popular tourist destination as it shows a series of Mayan sculptures, pyramids and natural water sources through sinkholes.

Chaac



The Mayan god of rain. The Maya believed that the best way to please their gods was through the sacrifice of animals or humans. If they were experiencing a drought, the belief was that Chaac was punishing them so they would need to sacrifice.

Pakal the Great



Pakal the Great: A king in Mesoamerica whose reign lasted more than 68 years, the longest lasting king in Ancient Maya. He built various intricate temples and was buried with a perfectly preserved jade mask.

Key Vocabulary

Maya	The collective noun for the Mayan people.
Mesoamerica	The region in which the Maya lived, spanning over Mexico and parts of Southern America.
Deity	A synonym for god.
Headdresses	Headdresses were a large part of Mayan culture. It was believed that the larger the headdress that someone wore, the more important they were.
Legend	A story told that has a religious origin usually comprising of a mortal vs immortal being.
Hieroglyph	A symbol that has a worded meaning, read like our graphemes.
Maize Corn	A major resource of food for Mayan people. Part of their religious culture too.
Sacrifice	A slaughtering of an animal or human as an offering to please the gods.
Sacrificing Rituals	Sacrifices would often be through beheading or drowning. They were religious ceremonies that many people would attend.
Pok-a-tok	A religious game that was often refereed by the high priest. The players would have to use their bodies to get a ball through a stone hoop. The losing team would sometimes be used as a sacrifice! A lot of Mayan stories would refer to the game of Pok-a-tok.
Dynasty	A series of rulers or leaders who are all from the same family, or a period when a country is ruled by them