

History Year 3

The Mayans



Pupils will be taught about a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history: The Mayan civilization c. AD 900 (NC)

Key Facts

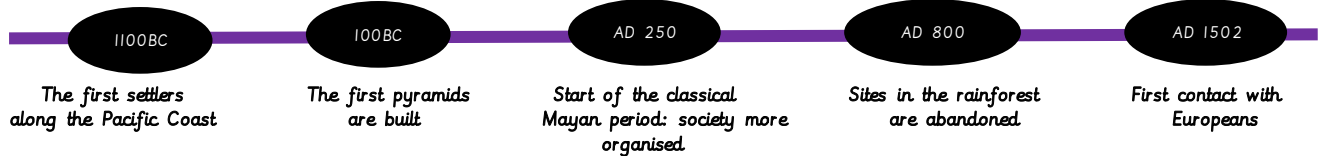
- The Mayan, or Maya, people lived in Mesoamerica (modern day Mexico and Central America).
- The Ancient Mayan civilisation was well established by around 1100 BC. The Mayan people still exist today.
- By around AD 800, cities in the rainforest were abandoned and people moved north. It is thought this was because there was an extensive drought in the area that lasted a long time.
- The Spanish invaders, who arrived in the 16th Century, took over the region.
- The Maya built hundreds of cities with many temples, palaces and monuments such as in the city of Chichen Itza.
- Every Mayan city had a ball court where games were played such as pok-ta-pok.
- The Maya created a writing system using symbols called glyphs.
- The Maya were expert mathematicians and astronomers.
- The ancient Maya were deeply religious and believed in many gods.
- The Maya created many different types of artwork.
- Maize or corn was the main food of the Maya people.

c. AD 900: Mayan Classical Period
Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain.

The area the Maya used to live in spreads over five countries today. These are: Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.



Chronology of Key Events



Historical Skills



- Use evidence to ask and answer questions about the past.
- Describe different accounts of an historical event, explaining some of the reasons why the accounts may differ.
- Describe the social, ethnic, cultural or religious diversity of past society.
- Describe the characteristic features of the past.
- Use dates and terms to describe events.
- Place events on a time line.

Key Vocabulary



- Pyramid
- Temple
- Monument
- Jungle
- Codices
- Priest
- Stelae
- Hieroglyphs
- Warrior
- Tikal

Significant People



- Tepeu the Maker
- Gucumatz the Feathered Spirit
- The Hero Twins
- Pakal the Great of Planque
- Priests
- Pharmacists
- Farmers

When in History?

