

Year 6- Autumn Term 2- Who were the Maya and what did we learn from them?



Where is Central America located on a world map?	What was a typical societal structure of an Ancient Maya city?	What did a typical Maya diet consist of?	What was the main reason for the Maya going to war?
Where were Ancient Maya civilisations located within Central America?	Were all Mayan settlements part of the same united empire?	What were the main foods available to people in the areas they lived in?	Who did the Maya go to war with?
What are the geographical similarities and differences between Manchester and Mexico City?	What was the cause of the dramatic depletion of Mayan society and settlements?		

Where have Mayan temples been discovered?	When was the first Mayan settlement established?	What did the Maya believe about astronomy?	What did the Maya believe about gods?
Why did the Maya produce such intricate, decorative art?	When did Mayan cities begin to deplete?	Which areas of study are the Maya best known for?	Who are some of the gods the Maya believed in?
What evidence has been left behind about Mayan rituals, astronomy and calendars?			What type of rituals did the Maya perform and why?
			What did the Maya believe about the afterlife?

Computing	Music	Design Technology	Art and Design	Working Scientifically
Research and present information about The Maya using Google Slides, including images.	Listen to and compose piece of music using trumpets, whistles and drums.	Design and make a Maya meal (tortillas and stew).	Make Maya worry dolls and Maya headdresses.	Pattern Seeking: How do planets and constellations link to Mayan calendars?
				Research with secondary sources: How are cocoa beans grown and what are they used to make?

Questions I would like to be answered during this topic:
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KEY VOCABULARY

Sacrifice	The slaughtering of an animal or person to use them as an offering.	Desertification	When fertile land become a desert, usually due to droughts, deforestation or over farming.
Afterlife	Life after death.		
Ritual	A religious ceremony involving of a series of specific actions.	Civilisation	A large, well organised group of people who share certain advanced ways of living and working.
Class system	A category people are placed in according to their occupation and wealth. The class system typically consists of the upper, middle and lower class.	Empire	A group of states or countries ruled by one ruler or monarch.
		Tomb	A large vault for burying the dead.
Calendar	A chart showing days, weeks, months of the year.	Temple	A building devoted to the worship of gods.
Multi-cultural society	A society where many different cultures and ethnicities live equally alongside one another.	Worship	A form of religious practice by showing respect and admiration for a god.
		Deity	A god or goddess.

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