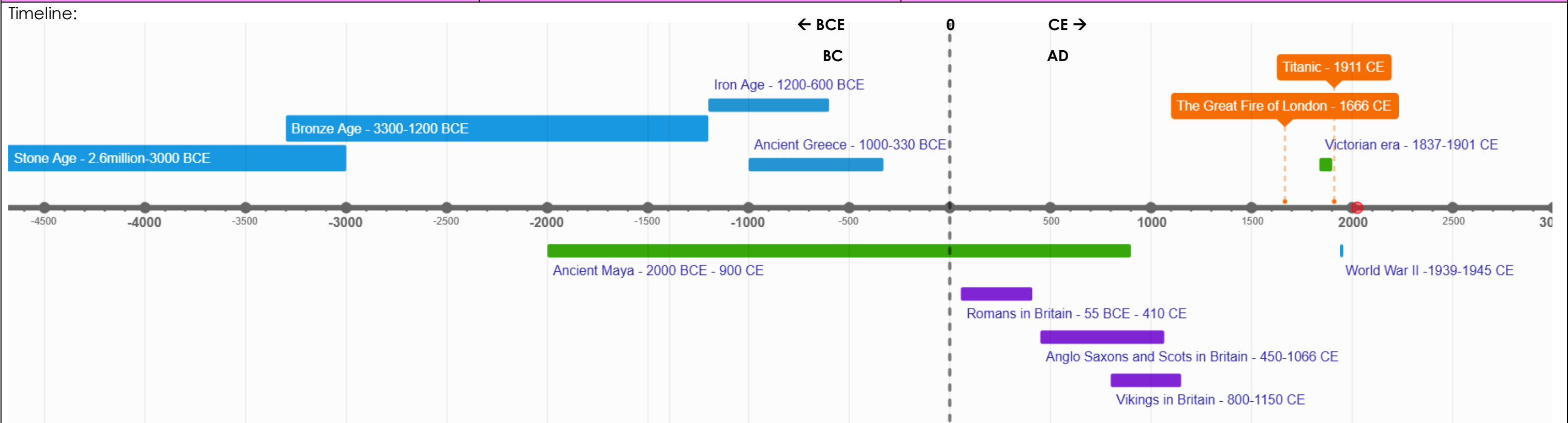




Key vocabulary		Crucial Knowledge	Concepts
Mesoamerica	A historical region in the southern part of North America – modern day Mexico and Central America	1. The Ancient Maya lived in Mesoamerica. 2. The Maya settled in the rainforest in cities and tribes. They were expert builders, creating amazing buildings in a difficult terrain. 3. All Maya cities had a temple and palaces for kings. Poorer people lived in huts made from natural materials. 4. The Maya were very religious people. They had many gods who represented different things. They performed rituals and sacrifices to please their gods. 5. The Maya were great inventors. Some of their most significant inventions included chocolate, a number system and a calendar. 6. Similar to the Romans, the Maya were good inventors and good architects. 7. Both the Romans and the Maya were very religious people and build temples to their gods. 8. The Romans are known for invading other countries. Although the Maya had a strong military to defend, they were not invaders. 9. Many historians believe that Maya society declined for a variety of reasons including disease, droughts and war.	Society The Ancient Maya lived in Mesoamerica. Each city was ruled over by a king or queen. The Maya people had a shared religion with many gods. In this unit, children will compare Maya society with the Romans in Britain. Technology The Maya were expert inventors with many achievements including their architecture (temples), food (chocolate) and mathematical advancements (calendar, number system). In this unit, children will compare the legacy of the Ancient Maya with the Romans in Britain. They will conclude that both societies were expert inventors. Time Children will compare the Ancient Maya era with the Romans in Britain. They will notice that the Ancient Maya era is much longer, however both periods of time did overlap. This will help to build an understanding of global history. Invasion Children will learn that one reason for the decline of Ancient Maya was the Spanish invasion. The Spanish invaded Mesoamerica to gain their land.
Ritual	A religious ceremony.		
Sacrifice	The act of killing an animal or person as an offering to a god.		
Decline	A gradual and continuous loss of strength, numbers, quality or value.		
Achievement	A thing done successfully with effort, skill or courage.		
Inventor	A person who invented a particular process or device		