## MAYAN CIVILISATION

## Mayan Facts

- 1. The Mayans predicated that the world would end in 2012.
- 2. Flat foreheads were fashionable so they would put baby's heads in a press to squash them.
- 3. It was considered beautiful to be cross-eyed so parents would hang balls in-between their children's eyes to make them look inwards.
- 4. Mayans sacrificed humans for religious and medical reasons. It was an honour to be sacrificed!
- 5. Noblewomen would file their teeth into sharp points.

Vocabulary		
Artefact	Dynasty	Mesoamerica
Calendar	Maize	Trade
Civilisation	Chichen Itza	Temple
Empire	Architecture	Chief
Hieroglyics	Hierarchy	Settlements

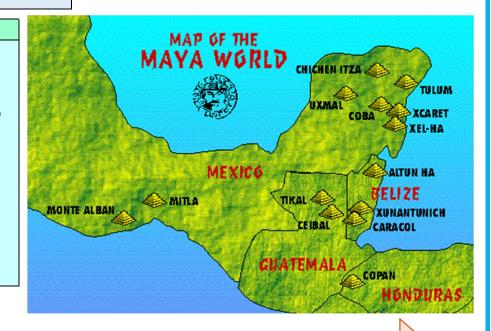
## Summary

The Maya were a civilisation who lived in Mesoamerica (now Central America) between approximately 2000 BCE and 900CE.

They are known for being the first Mesoamericans to develop writing. They also had a sophisticated culture in which they lived in city states.

They built spectacular monuments and stepped pyramids - some (e.g. Chichen Itza) have become world tourist destinations in the modern day.

They were also well-known for their advanced maths and calendars. Around 900CE, Maya cities became abandoned. No one knows for sure why this happened.



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1100 BC Hunter gatherers settled along the Pacific coast 1100 BC Settlements began to appear

700 BC Maya writing developed 100 BC The first Maya Pyramids were built 900-1200 AD El Castillo was built 250 AD Beginning of the Classic Period

1000 AD Chichen Itza became the most powerful city 1502 AD First contact with Europe