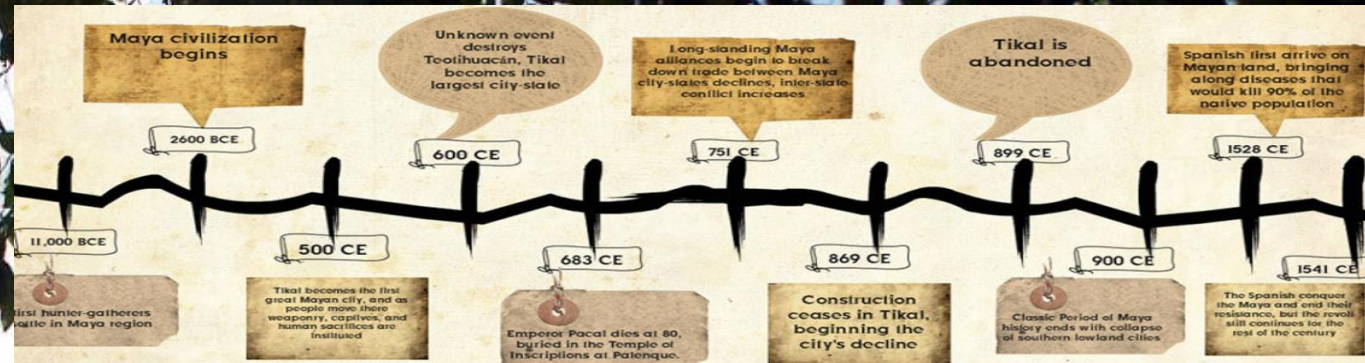


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The Magnificent Maya



The Maya people made their home in an area known as Mesoamerica – Mexico & part of Central America.

The Mayas built amazing cities like Tikal and Palenque. The cities were ruled by different kings and queens but they shared some beliefs.

The Maya believed that they could communicate with their Gods through human sacrifice.

They were experts at reading the stars & even built their cities as a map of the stars.

Adults worked as: farmers, warriors, hunters, builders & teachers.

The Maya were successful at farming because they studied the stars and the weather – so they produced calendars to tell them when to plant crops

Some Maya cities continued to thrive until the 16th Century but began to decline in 800 AD

KEY QUESTIONS



What do we know about the Maya Civilisation?
How do the lives of Maya differ to our own?
How did the Maya become so important?
What did Maya people eat?

What are the characteristics of Maya Gods?

Why did the Maya Civilisation decline?

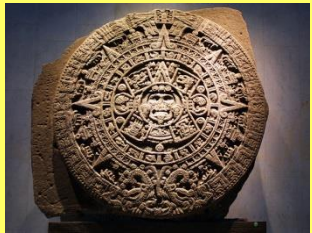
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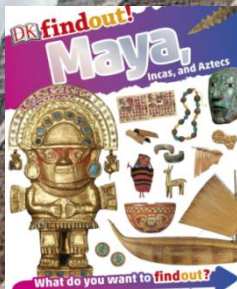
Things to Do:

Cooking: Follow a recipe to make some Maya delicacies such a corn tortillas or Maya brownies

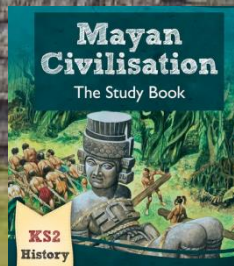
Making: Build your own replica of Chitchen Itz. Make a Maya mask. Weave a Maya pattern

Computing: Design a computer game inspired by the Maya using Scratch or a similar programme

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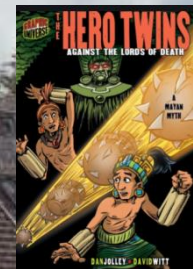
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