

Subject: History

Year: 4

Topic: The Mayan Civilisation

Historical Knowledge Vocabulary

Mesoamerica	Historical region and cultural area in southern North America and most of Central America.
Observatory	A place to study stars and the natural world.
Maize	Central American plant that creates large grains (corn or sweetcorn) set in rows on a cob.
Sacrifice	Making an offer or killing for a God.
Civilised	Developed and well advanced people.
Brutal	Using excess force, Savage, violent.
Trading	Swapping goods for either money or other goods.
Crops	Plants that are grown by farmers (Vegetables/fruit)
Drought	A long period with no rain.
Overpopulation	Too many people living in one area
Civilisation	A group of advanced peoples with order and structure.
Religion	A system of faith or worshiping of God(s).

Where was the Mayan Civilisation?



Central America in modern-day **Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador** and parts of **Mexico**.

What vocabulary from year 3 will support my historical thinking in Year 4?

Ancient	Belonging to the very distant past
Archaeologist	someone who studies the past by exploring and digging for old remains
Artefact	an object from the past that shows evidence of what life was like.
Evidence	Facts or information
Century	a period of 100 years
Decade	A period of 10 years
A.D	Anno Domini - "in the year of our Lord". AD is used to show dates after the birth of Jesus. This year is AD 2020.
B.C.	Before Christ. A way of dating years before the birth of Jesus. The bigger the number BC, the longer ago in history it is.

We will make links between these groups of people...

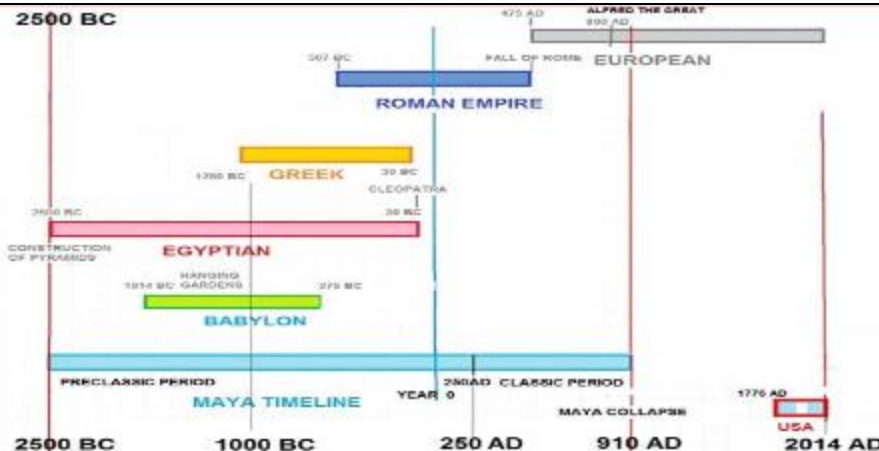


Romans

Egyptians

Mayans

Timeline



The Mayans started by cutting down parts of the American Rainforest. They were experts at this!

What is the difference between a Primary and Secondary source?

Primary Source	Original information from the time being studied
Secondary Source	A source that talks about the information found in primary sources.