



Key Vocabulary

- Agriculture:** farming; growing crops or rearing animals.
- Astronomy:** the study of space, planets and stars.
- City state:** a city and its surrounding area which has its own ruler.
- Code:** a book written by the Maya using one long sheet of paper.
- Glyph:** a symbol used in writing.
- Hierarchy:** a system that ranks things, often in order of power or importance.
- Maize:** a crop, known as corn.
- Sacrifice:** giving up something as an act of worship.
- Settlement:** a place where people live and build homes.
- Temple:** a building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.

Key Questions

What do we know about the Mayans?

What was the Mayan Civilisation?

How can we learn about it?

What was everyday life like?

What Impact did the Mayans leave?

2000BC Civilisations first begin to emerge.	1100BC The hunter-gatherers begin to settle on the Pacific Coast.	800BC Farming begins and a basic trade system develops.	700BC Maya writing begins developing.	100BC The first pyramids/temples are built and cities begin forming around them.	250AD The Classic Era begins. Astronomy, mathematics and architecture are all developing.	800-925AD Chichen Itza becomes the most powerful city.	1000AD The Maya civilisation begins to decline and leave the cities. In the 1500s, the Spanish begin to colonise here.
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