

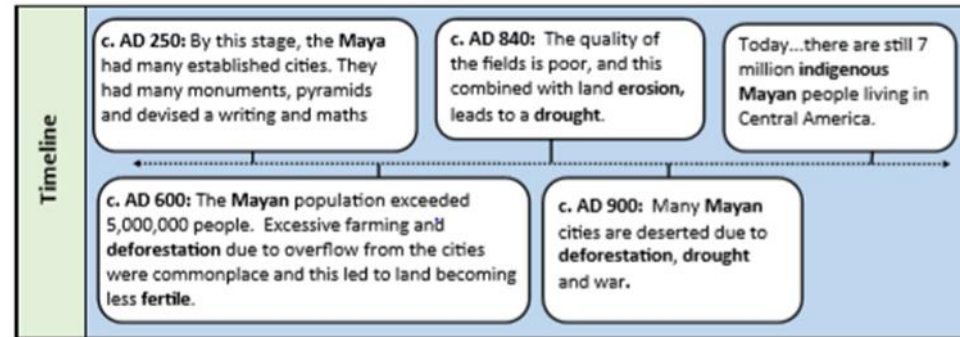
HOLA MEXICO

Year 4



What should I already know?

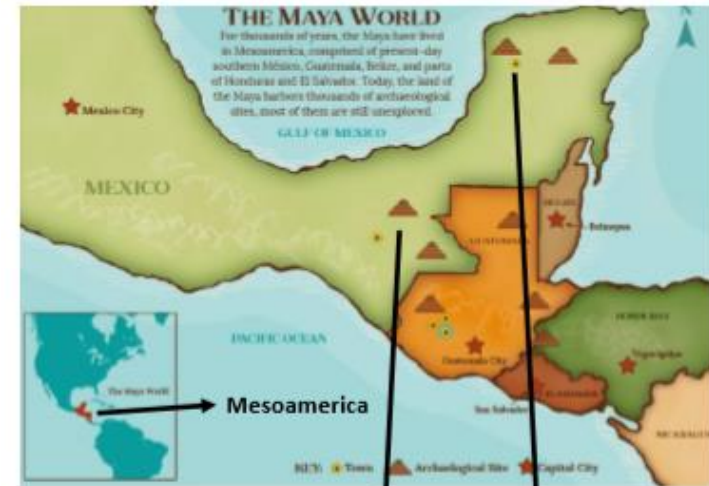
- South America is a continent.
- The climate of South America is different to that of the UK.
- Human and physical geographical features of a region in South America.
- Other civilisations include the Egyptians and the Greeks.



Mayan Society

- Mayan cities had similar layouts to each other. They would have a palace for the ruler, a plaza for the marketplaces and temples, in the form of pyramids.
- Mayan cities were often found near trade routes and good farmland.
- Mayans were polytheists, believing in many nature gods or deities.
- Priests were considered the most important people in the Mayan culture. Warriors, craftsmen and traders were next in the hierarchy. Farmers, workers and slaves were at the bottom of the hierarchy.
- Mayan merchants traded many goods including salt, cotton, honey and jade.
- The Mayan calendar (Tzolkin) consisted of 260 days and 13 months.
- The demise of the Mayan civilisation came about because of a mixture of deforestation, land erosion and drought.

Where did the Mayans live?



Famous Mayan cities include Palenque and Chichen Itza, which are found in Mexico.

Geographical skills and enquiry

Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate Mexico and countries around it.

Use the eight compass directions to describe locations.

Follow a route on a simple map.

Draw a detailed map with symbols and a key.

Use four figure grid references.

Understand the water cycle.

Locate rivers, mountains and volcanoes in Mexico and countries around it.

Understand the presence of earthquakes and how they occur.

Understand biomes and vegetation belts

Understand land use, economic activity (including trade links), and the distribution of natural resources