
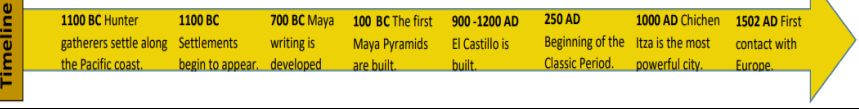
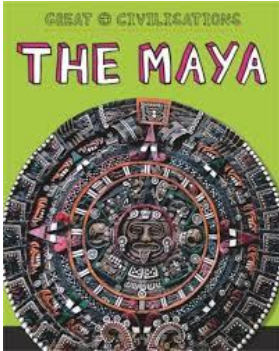




Key Facts	Map/Timeline/Diagram	
<p>The Mayans predicated that the world would end in 2012.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Flat foreheads were fashionable so they would put baby's heads in a press to squash them.It was considered beautiful to be cross-eyed so parents would hang balls in-between their children's eyes to make them look inwards.Mayans sacrificed humans for religious and medical reasons. It was an honour to be sacrificed!Noblewomen would file their teeth into sharp points.	 <p>The map shows the Maya region across Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize. Archaeological sites are marked with green dots, and modern cities with red dots. Key sites include Chichén Itzá, Uxmal, Tulum, Yaxchilán, Tikal, and Copán. Modern cities shown include Mérida, Villahermosa, Palenque, Toniná, Bonampak, Uaxactón, Altun Ha, Caracol, Quirigua, and Guatemala City. The map also labels the states of Yucatán, Quintana Roo, Campeche, Chiapas, Guatemala, and Honduras, as well as the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean.</p>	 <p>Timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1100 BC Hunter gatherers settle along the Pacific coast.1100 BC Settlements begin to appear.700 BC Maya writing is developed.100 BC The first Maya Pyramids are built.900 -1200 AD El Castillo is built.250 AD Beginning of the Classic Period.1000 AD Chichen Itza is the most powerful city.1502 AD First contact with Europe.
Key Learning:	Prior Learning:	Books for support/ Enrichment Opportunities:
<p>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.</p>	<p>Children will have previously studied Stone Age to Iron Age changes and Roman invasion and settlement of Britain and the Invasion of the Angles, Saxons, Vikings and Jutes to make links to.</p>	 <p>The book cover features a large, detailed illustration of a Maya calendar wheel, showing the 20 days of the month and the 13 months of the year. The title 'THE MAYA' is prominently displayed in a stylized font, and the series title 'GREAT CIVILIZATIONS' is at the top.</p>

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Key word	Definition
Artefact	An object that is made by a person, such as a tool or a decoration, especially one that is of historical interest
Calendar	A printed table showing all the days, weeks and months of the year.
Civilisation	Human society which is organised.
Dynasty	A series of rulers or leaders who are all from the same family, or a period when a country is ruled by them.
Empire	A group of countries ruled by a single person, government or country
Hieroglyphics	A system of writing using pictures not words.
Kingdom	A place ruled by a king, queen or important person.
Maize	Also known as corn, is a cereal grain.
Prediction	A statement about what you think will happen in the future.
Temple	A building used for the worship of a god or gods in some religions.
Tomb	A large stone structure or underground room where someone, especially an important person, is buried.
Worship	To show or have a feeling of admiration or respect for a God or Goddess