

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER - The Maya

Substantive Knowledge:

During the Maya civilization (around 2000BCE to 900CE) several changes took place in Britain (Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Celts, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings)

Up until about 200 years ago, hardly anyone knew where the Maya had settled, and no one is certain about what happened to the Mayan people.

Know that the Mayans traded in different mediums (cacao beans for everyday use).

Know that farming and trade links were established throughout the Maya region.

Disciplinary Knowledge:

Consider different types of cause and effect for key events in history. Consider how the Mayans influenced life today

Evaluate independently the reliability of a range of sources. Bring together knowledge of different sources of information to look at the validity of the evidence; do historians know the purpose of items or just suggesting possible outcomes?



The Maya lived in rain-forests. What was a rainforest environment like?

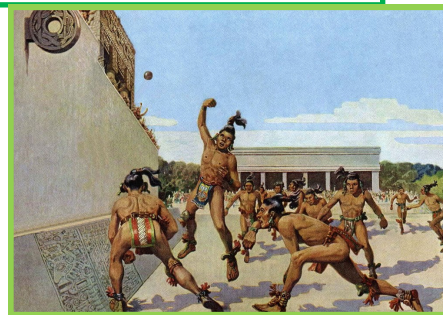
Why were 'bajos',



Key Vocabulary:

Millennium, bias, reliable, primary source, secondary source, change, chronology,

A rubber ball was bounced off the hips or knees without touching hands. . The team scores points every time a player throws the ball in a specific location of the field or through a ring of stone set on top of a wall.



Did the Maya play ball games like we do?

Ball Game: How did you play it?

What were the rules?

What happened to the winners?

What about the losers?



Where did salt, obsidian, jade and limestone come from?

How did they manage to get enough food for sometimes up to 50000 people?



How did the Maya count?

How is this similar / different to how we tell the time now?

The Five Position of the Long Count Calendar			
Symbolic Variant	Head Variant	Head Variant	
K'atun			144,000 days (20 K'atuns)
Winal			7200 days (20 Tuns)
Tun			360 days (18 Winals)
Winak			20 days (20 kins)
K'in			1 Day



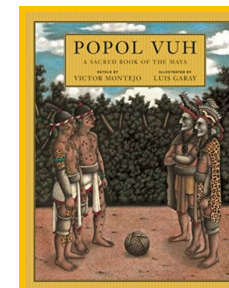
How did the Mayan tell the time?

The Maya calendar round.
The long count calendar system.



How did we know about the Maya?

Why did it take so long to discover many of the Maya cities?



Stelae were carved standing stones that represented the major events in a ruler's life such as accession to the

What was Maya writing like? How does it compare to our writing system now?

What can the writing tell us of Mayna culture and society?

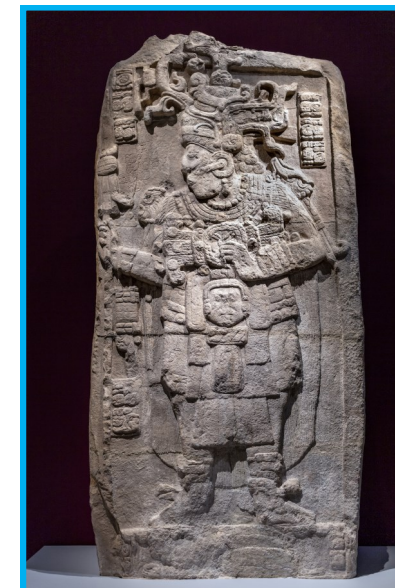
BALL GAME RULES

1. There are always two teams.
2. Each team has 2 - 6 players.
3. The ball is hit using the hip, knee or right elbow.
4. The ball must not touch the ground.
5. The aim is to make the other team drop the ball.



The loser of the game was sacrificed

Popol Vuh: The Creation Myth of the Maya.



Maya Alphabet

