























Year 5

Who were the Maya?

Key Vocabulary	
Civilisation	Human society which is organised.
Mesoamerica	Mesoamerica is a historical region and cultural area in North America.
Temple	A building used for the worship of a god or gods in some religions.
Agriculture	Agriculture is farming and the methods that are used to raise and look after crops and animals.
Maize	Maize, also known as corn, is a cereal grain.
Numeral	A figure, symbol, or group of figures or symbols denoting a number.
Cocoa bean	The cocoa bean is the seed of the cacao tree (<i>Theobroma cacao</i>), a tropical plant found in the equatorial regions of the Americas.
Pok-ta-pok	A ceremonial ball game once played by the Aztecs and Maya; evolved into the ulama game.
Colonisation	Colonialism is the practice by which a powerful country directly controls less powerful countries and uses their resources to increase its own power and wealth.

Maya number system				
				
0	1	2	3	4
				
5	6	7	8	9
				
10	11	12	13	14
				
15	16	17	18	19

Maya Numerals

Temple at Chichen Itzá



2000 BCE
First Maya civilisations developed

600 BCE - The first major settlement formed at Tikal.

400 CE - The city-state of Teotihuacan becomes the dominant city and rules

1224 CE - The city of Chichén Itzá is abandoned.

1517 CE - The Spanish arrive on the shores of Yucatán under Hernandez de Cordoba.

The Pre Classic (2000 BCE - 250 CE)	Classic (250 CE - 950 CE)	Post Classic (950 CE - 1542 CE)
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753 BCE the building of Rome begins

0CE - Jesus is born

1154 CE - The Middle Ages

1485 CE - The Tudors