

Key Knowledge

What I should already know

- Names and locations of the continents, and the equator.
- That time can be divided in AD and BC.



What I will know by the end of the unit

- The Mayan civilisation lived in Mesoamerica (Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Northern El Salvador and western Honduras)
- Mayans created calendar and number systems that are still being used today.
- The Mayan believed in many gods who were often depicted with animal features. According to Mayan beliefs, humans were created from corn.
- Murals were an important way of documenting significant events of Mayan civilisation.
- The Mayan society was organised in a hierarchy where everybody had a role to play, e.g. the king, the priests, the warriors.



What did the Mayans do for modern life?

- Where in the world did the Mayans live?
- What things did the Mayans invent?
- Do we still use any Mayan inventions today?
- What did the Mayan people believe?
- Why were murals important in the Mayan culture?

Useful web links

- <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/mayans/>
- <http://www.mayankids.com/>
- <https://mayas.mrdonn.org/>
- https://www.ducksters.com/history/aztec_maya_inca.php
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>

Key vocabulary

- Civilisation** – people that live together in large well organised groups and follow the same rules and beliefs.
- Society** – When people are together in the same space and share the same rules.
- Source** – where something comes from EG internet, book etc.
- Evidence** – materials that are used to help prove a something.
- Chronology** – the study of time.
- Democracy** – When people vote to show how they want a government to be run.
- Royalty** – a monarch or a ruler.
- Inventions** – A new thing that someone has made.
- Calendar** – A chart that shows the days, weeks and months of the year.

