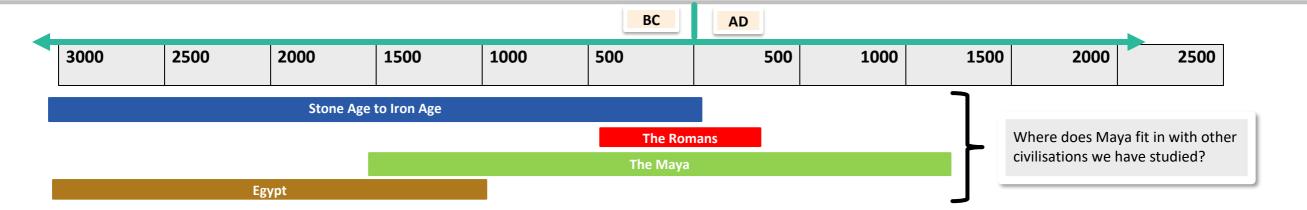
## The Maya Civilisation: Why should we remember the Maya?





## **Key takeaways**

- 1. The Maya lived in Meso-America (Central America) in the area called Mexico and Guatemala.
- 2. The Maya was a Stone Age culture as they didn't have metal.
- 3. The Maya formed a society of city-states.
- 4. The Maya made many **technological** advances and established a huge **trading** empire.
- 5. The Maya developed a writing system based on symbols called hieroglyphs.
- 6. The Maya built pyramids to worship their gods and offer sacrifices.
- 7. The Maya worshipped up to 300 gods, each one doing a different job.
- 8. There are many **theories** why the population of Maya cities disappeared around 900AD.
- 9. We know about the Maya from archaeological remains and the people living in the area today.
- 10. We use the term Maya not Mayan. Mayan is only used to describe the language.

## 5 words to remember

**Theory:** An idea about why something happened

Sacrifice: To make an offering to

a god

City-state: An independent selfgoverning state formed of a city and its surrounding area Technology: Developing knowledge and tools to make

people's lives easier **Trade:** The buying and selling of

things like food

The main reason we should remember the Maya is because

The Maya is similar to
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because
However they differ
because



Use an atlas to locate Meso-America on a map of the world.

The Maya built pyramids. Here is one at Tikal in Guatemala.



The Maya lived in an area covered by rainforest.



