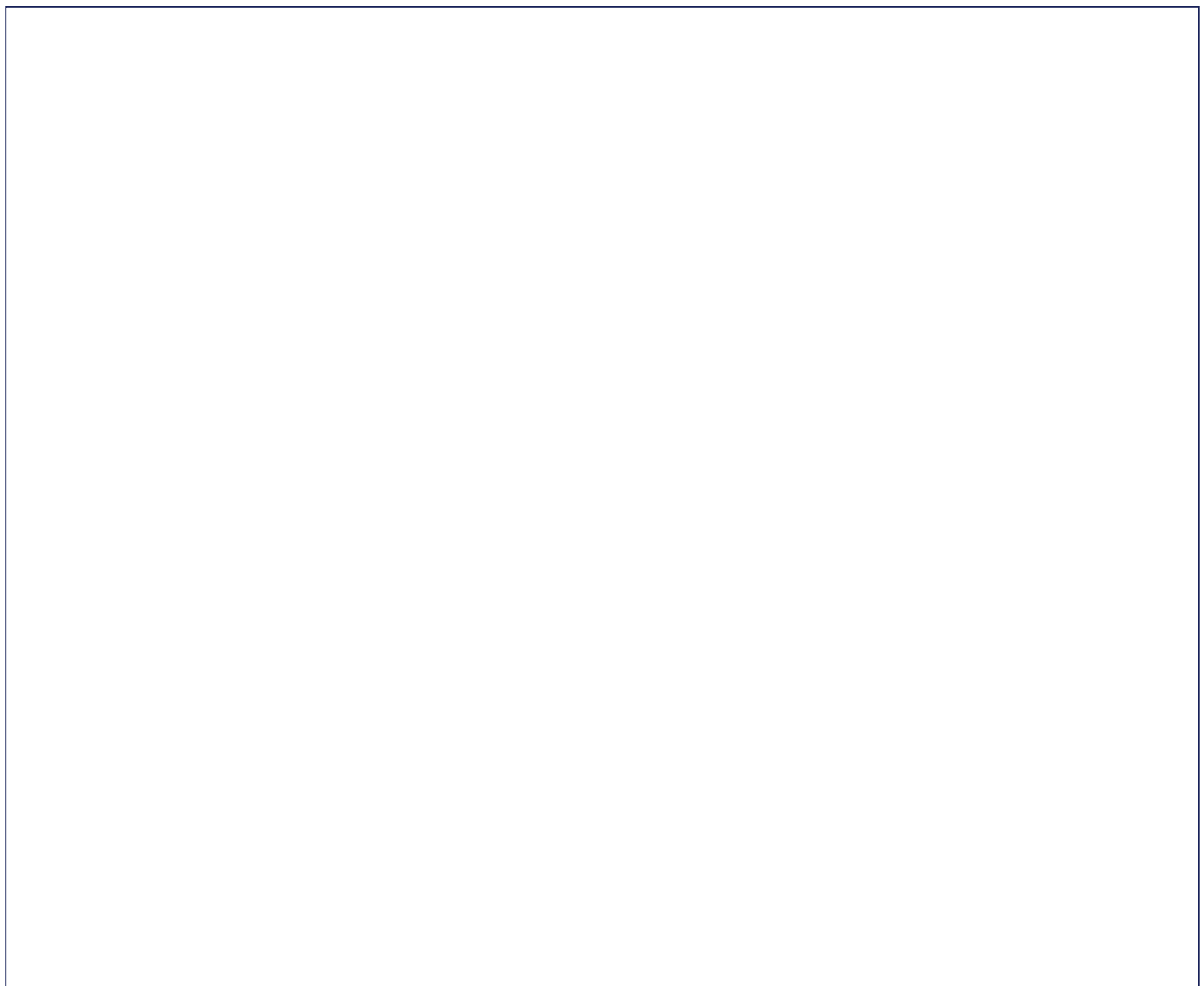


Exploring the Maya Civilisation with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate key features of a Maya city and understand how they lived.

Ellie the Elephant is learning about the ancient Maya. Use the space below to draw a Maya city. Follow the steps to help you include important things. Use the word bank to add labels to your drawing.

Draw: Draw a scene of an ancient Maya city. The style should be clear and simple. In the centre, draw a large stepped pyramid made of grey stone blocks. At the very top of the pyramid, draw a small building with a flat roof (the temple). Surround the pyramid with dark green trees to represent the thick rainforest. In front of the pyramid, draw a large, flat square area representing the plaza. Use your best colouring pencils to show the stone and the green jungle.



Label words: Pyramid · Temple · Jungle · Plaza · Stone

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a tall stone pyramid in the middle of your page. Why do you think the Maya built these so high?
2. Step 2: Draw some thick trees around the pyramid to show the jungle. What colour will you use for the leaves?
3. Step 3: Draw a flat, open space in front of the pyramid. This is called a plaza. Label your plaza.

4. Step 4: Draw a small temple on top of your pyramid. The Maya used these for special ceremonies.