

The Magnificent Maya

Step back in time with Ellie the Elephant to explore the world of the ancient Maya!

- The Maya lived in large cities hidden deep within the tropical rainforests of Central America.
- They built giant stone pyramids called temples that reached high above the trees to touch the sky.
- The Maya developed a special form of writing using symbols and pictures called hieroglyphics.
- Maize, which is a type of corn, was the most important food for the Maya people to grow.
- They were expert farmers who created clever systems to grow enough food for their big cities.

Did you know? Did you know? The Maya people were brilliant mathematicians and astronomers. They were one of the first groups of people in history to use the number zero in their maths!

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