

The Maya Civilisation: History Assessment

Learning objective: To show your understanding of where and how the Ancient Maya people lived.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you spell tricky words. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Ellie the elephant has been studying the Maya people. They lived a long time ago in the thick, green rainforests of Central America. They built huge stone cities with tall pyramids. The Maya were great farmers and they grew a special crop called maize. They also loved to drink a bitter drink made from cacao beans, which is where we get the idea for chocolate!

Word bank: Rainforest · Temple · Maize · Chocolate · Stone · Calendar · Maya · Mexico

1. 1. Where did the Maya people build their cities? (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. 2. What is the name of the main crop the Maya farmers grew? (2 marks) (2 marks)

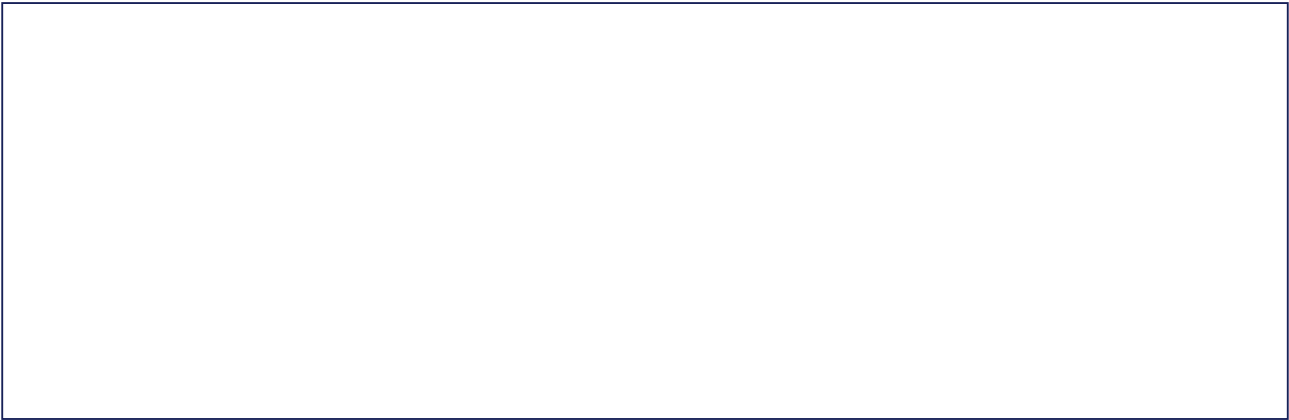
3. 3. The Maya built tall buildings to honour their gods. What are these buildings called? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. 4. The Maya were very clever. Name one thing they invented or created to help them measure time. (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. 5. Describe one way life in a Maya city was different to life today. Use the sentence starter: 'Life in a Maya city was different because...' (4 marks)

6. 6. Extended Task: Imagine you are living in a Maya city. Write a short diary entry (50-70 words) about what you see, what you eat, and what you do for work. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Maya pyramid standing in the middle of a rainforest.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: If a Maya farmer sold 3 baskets of maize for £2 each, how much money did he make in total?