



History – Ancient Maya



Concept: Significance – factual knowledge of place and time and commemoration.

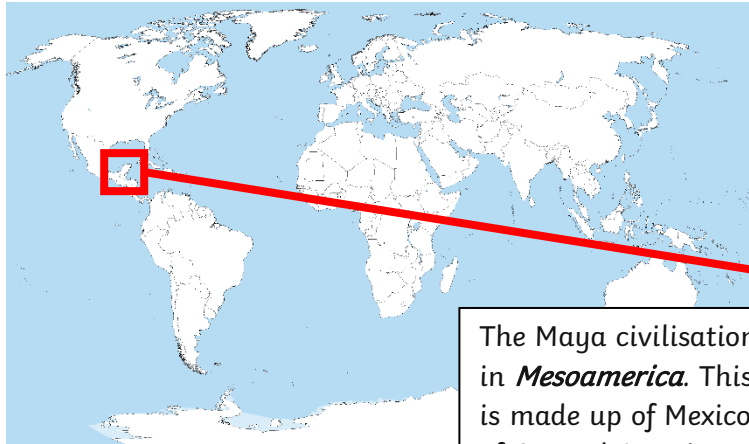
Vocabulary

excavate: carefully remove earth from an area to find something buried in the past

plaza: an open space in a built up area (town or city)

healer: a person whose job it was to look after sick or injured people

conquered: to take over control of a place by force



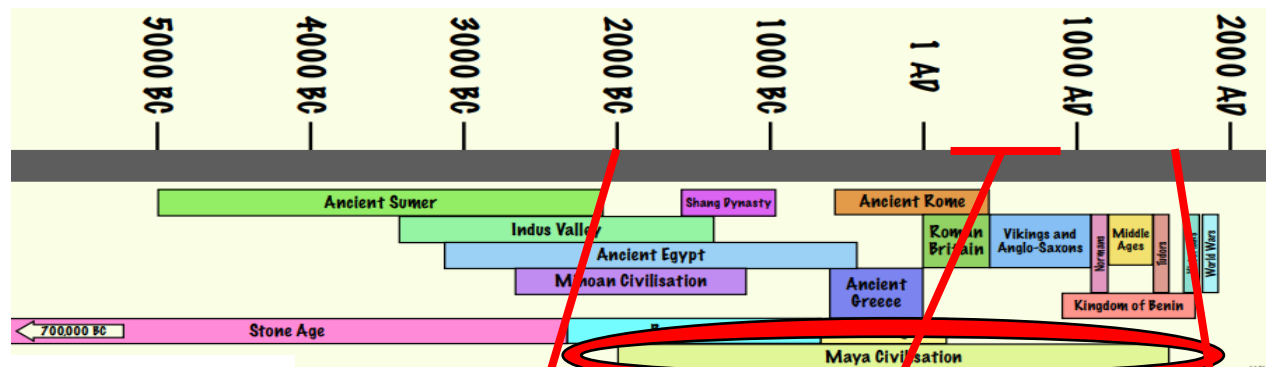
The Maya civilisation began in *Mesoamerica*. This huge area is made up of Mexico and part of Central America.



Pyramids were used by The Maya to bury important people and their riches.

1	●
2	●●
3	●●●
4	●●●●
5	—
6	●—
7	●●—
8	●●●—
9	●●●●—
10	—

The Maya number system is similar to tallying. It gets much trickier from 20 onwards!



The Maya first developed their civilisation in around 2000 BC (the Pre-classic period).

This period from 250 AD to c900 AD is called the *Classic* period.

In around 1600 AD (the *postclassic period*) the Maya were conquered and destroyed by the Spanish invaders.