

# Mayans

## Sticky Knowledge

**Mayans.** The **Mayan**, or **Maya**, peoples made their home in an area known as Mesoamerica (modern day Mexico and Central America). **Mayan** culture was well established by 1000 BCE, and it lasted until 1697 CE.

All **Maya** shared a common culture and religion, but each city governed itself and had its own noble ruler.



## Timeline

2000 BC	1000 BC	700 BC	600 BC	400 BC	300 BC	100 BC	400 AD	900 AD
Farming villages begin to form in the Maya region	The Maya people begin to form larger settlements	Mayan writing first starts to develop	Large buildings are built in the city of El Mirador  The Maya begin to farm.	The first Mayan Calendars are carved into stone	The Maya adopt the idea of a monarchy. They are now ruled by Kings	The first pyramids are built.  The city state of Teotihuacan is established	Teotihuacan becomes the dominant city and rules the Maya highlands.	The southern lowland cities collapse and Teotihuacan is abandoned.



The first temple at Chichen Itza



# Subject Specific Vocabulary

<b>archaeologist</b>	People who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.
<b>architecture</b>	The design and construction of buildings
<b>Civilisation</b>	The society, culture, and way of life in a particular area
<b>crops</b>	A plant that is usually grown on a large scale— usually a cereal, fruit or vegetable.
<b>Empire</b>	A group of states or countries ruled over by a single leader
<b>Hieroglyphics</b>	Writing which is made up of pictoral symbols
<b>Kingdom</b>	A place ruled by a king, queen or important person
<b>Sacrifice</b>	An act of slaughtering an animal or person as an offering to a god or gods
<b>Settlement</b>	A place where people establish a community
<b>Temple</b>	A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods
<b>Worship</b>	To show love and devotion— usually to a god or group of gods.



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