



## Mayan Gods



Ek Chuaj

Kukulcan

Ix Chel

Yumil Kaxob

Chac

Ah Puch

Kinich Ahau

# The Maya



## Where did the Maya live?



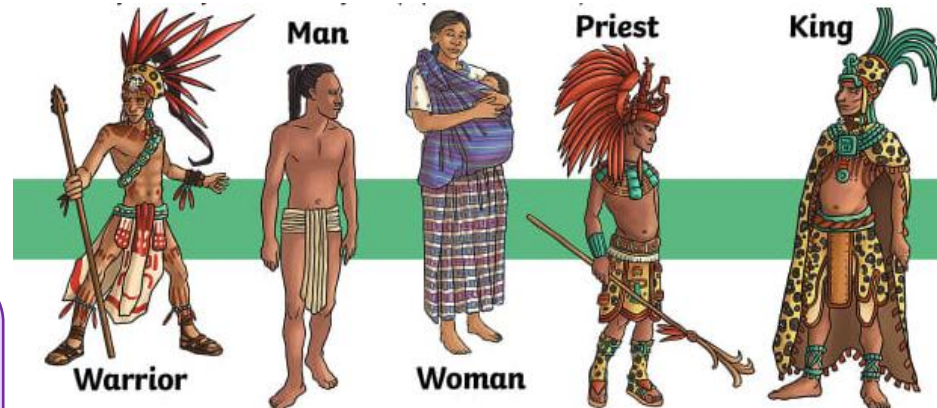
Central America

## What happened to the Maya?

Around 900, many cities in the southern lowlands were abandoned but states in the uplands of the Yucatan peninsula continued to flourish until the arrival of the Spanish in 1502. One belief is that the Toltecs and the Aztecs took over with their own empires but later, when the Spanish arrived, they brought disease and forced them to give up their gods and become Christians.

## Who were the Maya?

The Maya were an ancient civilisation of people who lived in an area that used to be known as Mesoamerica. People had lived in the area from around 5000BC but it wasn't until around 300BC that the first cities started to form. Before this people were hunter gatherers, or lived in small villages.



Warrior

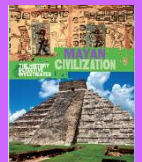
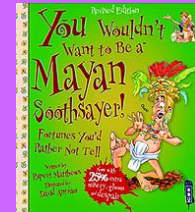
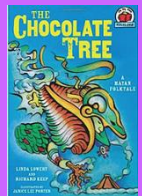
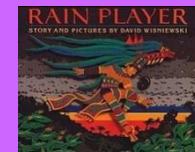
Man

Woman

Priest

King

## Books to read with this topic...



## Timeline

1100 BCE	800 BCE	400 BCE	300 BCE	100 BCE	600	800	900	1502
The first hunter-gatherers settle on the pacific coast	Village farming and trade become established	First solar calendars invented	Cities become centres for trade and kings begin to rule	First pyramids are built	Cities start expanding quickly	Building of stepped pyramid of Chichen-Itza	Decline of Maya cities	First contact with Europeans is made



agriculture



civilisation



power



government



law



trade



calendar



hieroglyphs



maize



pyramids



merchant



society



sacrifice



priest



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labourer



craftsman



nobles