



Lesson 10

Learning Question:

LQ: How do I produce an informative leaflet about the Mayans?

Success Criteria:

- Recall facts about the Mayan civilisation
- Use features of a leaflet
- Create an effective leaflet giving information about the Mayan civilisation.

Vocabulary

- Mayans
- Mesoamerica
- Chichen Itza
- Civilisation
- Conquistador
- Ruins
- Hieroglyphs
- democracy
- Monarchy
- subjects
- Nobles
- City States
- Writing system
- Artefacts
- Calendar

Task

Complete your leaflet telling people about aspects of the Mayan civilisation.

When you have finished it, send it to Miss Bjorck or Mrs Bowden – they would love to see them!

- Either photograph it and upload it to your home learning blog in Purple Mash or ask your parent/carer to email it to your class email address:

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Plenary:

End of topic quiz!

What is the name of the region where the Mayan civilisation existed?

Middle America

South America

Mesoamerica

North America

Answer on next page:

That's right! This part of the world is called Mesoamerica.



In which century did the Spanish conquistadors discover the Mayan ruins?

16th

10th

1st

21st

Answer on next page:

That's right! Ruins such as these were not discovered until the 16th century by the Spanish.



**The Mayan city states would often go to war with each other. What were their reasons?
Choose one or more answers.**

Securing trade routes

For fun

To take slaves and sacrifices

Name-calling

Power

Wealth

Answer on next page:



That's right! The Mayans of each city state wanted secure trade routes, a supply of slaves and prisoners for sacrifice as well as power and wealth.



After the kings, who were the most important people in Mayan society?

Slaves

Farmers

Merchants and
craftsmen

Nobles and priests

Answer on next page:

That's right! After the king,
the nobles and priests were the
most important people in Mayan
society.



Which of these was an important food source, sacred to the Mayans?

Rice

Maize

Seaweed

Rabbit

Answer on next page:



That's right! Mayan farmers dug and irrigated fields to grow maize.

How did the Mayans honour their gods?

Travelling around the world

Making offerings and sacrifices

Lighting lanterns

Going on a crusade

Answer on next page:

That's right!
Offerings were thrown
into holy water holes called
cenotes, and blood
sacrifices, as well as animal
and human sacrifices,
were made.



Which of these is the Mayan symbol for '5'?



Answer on next page:



That's right! The
Mayan symbol for '5'
was a line.

What did the Mayans believe would happen at the end of each cycle of their 'Long Count' calendar?

A great flood would wash away everything

The Mayan people would leave Earth for another planet

The universe would be destroyed and created again

The Sun would change colour

Answer on next page:

That's right! The Mayans believed that every 2,880,000 days the universe would be destroyed and created again.

