



Unit:  
Maya Civilisation

Concept:



Subject:  
History

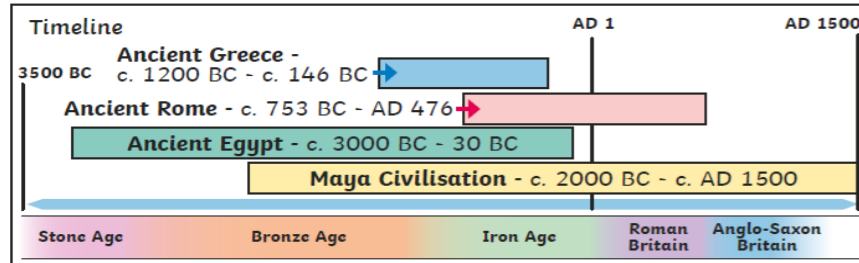


Central America

Chichen Itza

Central America is a region found in the southern tip of North America, where the continent joins with South America. The Ancient Maya were one of the great civilizations located in this part of the world.

Chichen Itza was built by the Ancient Maya in the Northern Lowlands. It was one of the largest cities and in the centre is the Temple of Kukulcan.



### Maya Gods

Ek Chuaj	Kukulcan	Ix Chel
Yumil Kaxob	Chac	Ah Puch



The Maya built cities, pyramids and ornate sculptures in the rainforest.

Key Vocabulary	
Civilisation	A human society with well-developed rules and government, often where technology and the arts are considered important.
Maize	Another word for sweetcorn or corn on the cob. It can be made into a dough and baked into tortillas.
Cacao beans	Cacao trees sprout pods directly from their trunks. When they are ripe, the pods can be broken open to reveal the beans, which can then be dried, roasted and ground.
Mesoamerica	A historical region and cultural area in North America. It extends from approximately central Mexico through Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and northern Costa Rica
Temple	A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.
God/Goddess	A superhuman being or spirit who is worshipped.
Ritual	A ceremony with set actions in a set order.

Who discovered the Maya Civilisation?

Frederick Catherwood

John Lloyd Stephens

Sequence of lessons	
Lesson	Definition/Sentence
1	Who were the Mayans and why do we learn about them?
2	Why were the cacao beans significant?
3	Who discovered the Maya civilisation?
4	What were the cities of Ancient Maya like?
5	What did the Mayans believe?
6	Chocolate workshop