







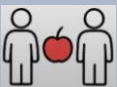





## Vocabulary

Maya		The American-Indian people of South America.
civilisation		A human society with its own social organisation and culture.
settlement		A place where people have come to live and built homes.
crops		Plants that are grown in large quantities for food.
ritual		A religious ceremony with actions in a particular order.
sacrifice		To kill an animal or person in a special religious ceremony as a gift to a god.
labourer		A person doing unskilled work for wages.
hierarchy		A system in which members of an organisation or society are ranked in order.
society		A community or people living in a particular country or region.
monarchy		The royal family of a country.
descendant		A person who is related to you and lives after you such as your child or grandchild.
astronomy		The study of space, the objects in space and the universe.

## Timeline

<b>The Pre-classic Period (1800 BC to 250 AD)</b>	Great growth for the Maya. Small villages <b>evolved</b> into cities. Hierarchy began to emerge.
<b>Classic Period (250 AD-1000 AD)</b>	Maya culture flourished. City states began to take over smaller neighbouring cities.
<b>Post Classic Maya (1000AD onwards)</b>	City of Chichen Itza became very powerful with strong economy and military powers.
<b>Spanish arrive (1500s)</b>	Ships and Spanish explorers arrive. Brought diseases with them which killed many Mayans.
<b>Hernan Cortes (1519)</b>	A Spanish explorer. Conquered the Mayans and began to remove Mayan culture.

**ITEMS TRADED**

**FOOD:** corn, fish, squash, potatoes, honey, beans, turkey, fruits and chocolate drinks.

**MATERIALS:** limestone, marble, jade, wood, copper and gold.

**GOODS:** paper books, furniture, jewellery, clothing, toys and weapons.

## Society

Noble		People who belonged to high social class.
Priest		A person with duties and responsibilities in a place where people worship.
Merchant		A person who buys or sells goods in large quantities.
Artisans		A person whose job requires skill with their hands.
Farmer		A person who owns or manages a farm.
Craftspeople		People who make things skilfully with their hands.
Servant		Someone who is employed to work at another person's home.
Slave		A person who is the property of another person and has to work for that person.

## Buildings

<b>Temple</b>	A building used for the worship of a god or gods.
Plaza	An open square in a city.
<b>Aqueducts</b>	A long bridge with many arches, which carries a water supply.