

Mayans | Class 4 | Summer 2022

Vocabulary		Timeline		Society	
Maya	The American-Indian people of South America.	The Pre-classic Period (1800 BC to 250 AD)	Great growth for the Maya. Small villages evolved into cities. Hierarchy began to emerge.	Noble	People who belonged to high social class.
civilisation	A human society with its own social organisation and culture.			Priest	A person with duties and responsibilities in a place where people worship.
settlement	A place where people have come to live and built homes.	Classic Period (250 AD-1000 AD)	Maya culture flourished. City states began to take over smaller neighbouring cities. City of Chichen Itza became very powerful with strong economy and military powers.	Merchant	A person who buys or sells goods in large quantities.
crops	Plants that are grown in large quantities for food.			Artisans	A person whose job requires skill with their hands.
ritual	A religious ceremony with actions in a particular order.	Post Classic Maya (1000AD onwards)	Ships and Spanish explorers arrive. Brought diseases with them which killed many Mayans.	Farmer	A person who owns or manages a farm.
sacrifice	To kill an animal or person in a special religious ceremony as a gift to a god.			Craftspeople	People who make things skilfully with their hands.
labourer	A person doing unskilled work for wages.	Spanish arrive (1500s)	A Spanish explorer. Conquered the Mayans and began to remove Mayan culture.	Servant	Someone who is employed to work at another person's home.
hierarchy	A system in which members of an organisation or society are ranked in order.			Slave	A person who is the property of another person and has to work for that person.
society	A community or people living in a particular country or region.	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.		Buildings	
monarchy	The royal family of a country.			Temple	A building used for the worship of a god or gods.
descendant	A person who is related to you and lives after you such as your child or grandchild.			Plaza	An open square in a city.
astronomy	The study of space, the objects in space and the universe.			Aqueducts	A long bridge with many arches, which carries a water supply.