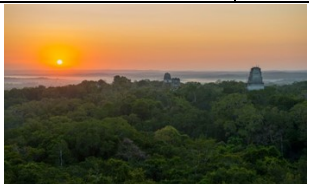


The Maya Civilisation

Year 6 - Autumn

<p>City-State</p>	An independent self-governing state formed of a city and its surrounding area.
<p>Democracy</p>	a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives.
<p>Conquer</p>	overcome and take control of (a place or people) by military force.
<p>Mesoamerica</p>	Central America - the countries consist of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Belize; and the western sections of Honduras and Nicaragua, and northern Costa Rica
<p>Theory</p>	An idea about why something happened.
<p>Sacrifice</p>	To make an offering to a god.
<p>Technology</p>	Developing knowledge and tools to make people's lives easier.
<p>Trade</p>	The buying and selling of things like food.

- ◇ The Maya lived in Meso-America (Central America) in the area called Mexico and Guatemala.
- ◇ The Maya was a Stone Age culture as they didn't have metal.
- ◇ The Maya formed a society of **city-states**.
- ◇ The Maya made many **technological** advances and established a huge **trading** empire.
- ◇ The Maya developed a writing system based on symbols called hieroglyphs.
- ◇ The Maya built pyramids to worship their gods and offer **sacrifices**.
- ◇ The Maya worshipped up to 300 gods, each one doing a different job.
- ◇ There are many **theories** why the population of Maya cities disappeared around 900AD.
- ◇ We know about the Maya from archaeological remains and the people living in the area today.
- ◇ We use the term Maya not Mayan. Mayan is only used to describe the language.



The Maya lived in an area covered by rainforest.

