KS2 History - YEAR 6

Mayan Civilisation Unit

BBC Bitesize; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>

Week 3: an introduction to the Ancient Maya (if pupils completed Mrs Mullock’s week 1 work this could be a revision task)

Week 4: what was life like for the Ancient Mayas?

Week 5: What remains of the Ancient Maya?

Week 6: What happened to the Mayas?

Week 7: What games did the Mayas play?

Week 8: Why was farming so important to the Mayas?

Week 9: What did the Ancient Maya believe in?

Week 10: Who was Pakal the Great?

Week 11: Ancient Maya quiz- test yourself on what you can remember!

1. Each week, or at a pace that suits them, pupils should read through each page listed above (with an adult if needed). Doing one page per week ensures pupils aren’t overloaded with information.
2. Pupils should also watch the videos and look at the interactive activities if possible.
3. At the end of each lessons they can either:
   1. Make a list of at least 5 bullet points that they have learned about that particular topic (using the written information or videos as sources for their facts).
   2. Make a spider diagram to record facts/ keys words they have learned about the topic.
   3. Make a visual poster of what they have learned- including drawings of key pictures or diagrams and some key words and dates.
4. PROJECT TASK: by the end of the topic, pupils could use all of their notes from their weeks of learning to create an overall project about the Mayans. This could be a PowerPoint presentation, a creative story or diary entry written from the perspective of a Mayan, a script for a role- play such as a news bulletin or documentary, a board game based on the Mayas, or create a model of a Mayan building.

Whatever format each pupil prefers, they should try to include at least one fact from each of the headings above to show their breadth of knowledge about the Mayas.

Extra resources about Maya Civilisation can be found here (computer access and/ or a printer may be needed for these). Twinkl accounts are free during this time:

Create a Mayan mask

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-h-5600-ks2-design-a-mayan-mask-activity-sheet>

Mayan Civilisation comprehension story

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-h-4252-mayan-civilization-creation-story-print-out>

Mayan Civilisation Ordering activity

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-h-4508-mayan-civilization-timeline-ordering-activity>

Maya Hot chocolate recipe

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-h-5122-new-maya-hot-chocolate-recipe>

Maya Civilisation interactive word search

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/maya-civilisation-interactive-word-search-tg-124-newlink>

Mayan colouring pages

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-h-5185-mayan-colouring-pages>

Maya interactive colouring activity

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/maya-interactive-colouring-activity-tg-296-newlink>