

MAYA CIVILIZATION WORKSHEET

Use the websites provided to answer the following questions:

1. How big an area did the Maya civilization cover at its height?
2. What do archaeologists call the geographic region the Maya inhabited?
3. How many countries does this represent today? Find a map of the Maya area, download and print if you are able.
4. What other ancient civilizations flourished in America before the conquest?
5. What does "Pre-Columbian" mean?
6. What things did the Maya excel in?
7. What are the three major periods of the Mayan civilization; give dates.
8. How long ago were the first recognizably Mayan settlements established?
9. When did ceremonial architecture first appear?
10. Name 3 important Pre-Classic sites.
11. What crops did they cultivate?
12. What characterized the Classic Period?
13. In which part of the Maya area did the Classic Maya reach their peak of development?
14. What type of government did they have?
15. Where did the rulers record their victories in battles and other accomplishments?
16. What kinds of trade did the Maya practice and how extensive were these routes?
17. When did the Classic Maya begin to decline?
18. What reasons have been given for the collapse of the Classic Maya? Name at least 6 and explain your answers.
19. What characterized the Post-Classic period?
20. Which parts of the Maya area had important Post-Classic cities?
21. Name 3 important Post-Classic sites.

22. What evidence do archaeologists have that suggest the Maya were influenced by other cultures?
23. When did the colonial period begin?
24. What effect did the arrival of the Spanish have on the Maya and other indigenous groups in Central and South America?
25. How long did it take the Spanish to conquer the Maya?
26. What was the name of the last Maya state to be conquered by the Spanish?
27. What was the name of this place and which country is it found in?
28. Did the Maya disappear completely?
29. How many people speak the Maya language today?
30. Are the Mayas' lives today similar to their ancestors?

Recommended Websites for Research

<http://tides.sfasu.edu:2006/index.php>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maya_civilization

<http://www.civilization.ca/civil/maya/mmc01eng.html>

<http://history-world.org/maya.htm>

<http://www.crystalinks.com/mayan.html>

<http://www.kidskonnnect.com/content/view/256/27/>

http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_761576077_1/maya_calendar.html

<http://www.mayankids.com/timeline2.htm>

<http://www.hanksville.org/yucatan/periods.html>

<http://www.learner.org/interactives/collapse/mayans.html>

<http://www.learner.org/interactives/collapse/>

<http://www.jaguar-sun.com/>

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/02/080229-servir-maya.html>

<http://www.cathalac.org/>

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2007/08/maya-rise-fall/gugliotta-text>

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2003/03/0313_030313_mayadrought.html

http://www.learner.org/interactives/collapse/mayans_sub.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesoamerican_chronology