



Year 6	The Mysterious Mayans	Spring 2	History
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I Will Know.

Where and when the Mayans lived.
 What impact they had on the world.
 What the Mayan culture was like.
 What the Maya believed in.
 The theories around why they disappeared so

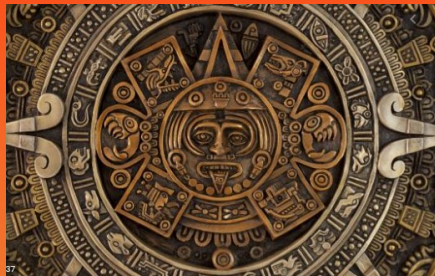
Prior Learning and Links

I will use my prior skills:
 Research using books and the internet.
 Comprehension of different text types.
 Analysing different sources of historical evidence.
 I will link to
 Other ancient civilisations I have learnt about such as Ancient Greece.

Key Learning

Key Questions:
 Who were the Maya?
 What is the difference between Maya and Mayan?
 Where did they live?
 What did the Maya believe in?
 Why did the Maya think it was a great honour to be sacrificed?
 Was the Mayan empire anything like modern society?
 What was fashionable in the Mayan civilisation?
 What theories are there about why the Maya disappeared so quickly?

Ancient



Vocabulary	Definition
Ancient	Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence.
Astronomy	The branch of science which deals with space and the physical universe as a whole.
Cacao	Seeds that the Maya used to make chocolate.
Cenote	A sinkhole or pit filled with water, cenotes were sources of water for the Maya.
Civilisation	The society, culture and way of life of a particular area.
Glyph	A symbol used in writing.
Sacrifice	To give up something valued for the sake of something else.
Temple	A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.

Timeline	1100 BC Hunter gatherers settle along the Pacific coast.	1100 BC Settlements begin to appear.	700 BC Maya writing is developed	100 BC The first Maya Pyramids are built.	900 -1200 AD El Castillo is built.	250 AD Beginning of the Classic Period.	1000 AD Chichen Itza is the most powerful city.	1502 AD First contact with Europe.
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