

The Marvellous Maya– Year 6 - Why are the Maya

Discussion Topics and Enquiry Questions

- 1 Who were the Maya people and how did they live?
- 2 Why were the gods so important?
- 3 What were some of their important inventions?
- 4 How was Maya society organised?
- 5 Why was art and sculpture so important?
- 6 How have they impacted life today?

Sentence Stems

I agree with... because...

I disagree with... because...

I would like to challenge the view...

Adding onto ...'s point...

In my opinion...

I know this because...

Key Vocabulary

Classic Period	City-state	Tikal
Pre-classic Period	Glyph	Tzolk'in
Post-classic Period	Haab'	Nacom
Pyramid	Huipil	Lintel
Ahau or Ahau...	Itzamna	Kukulcan

Oracy Skills

Social To be able to present information fluently and confidently	Cognitive To construct a detailed argument and respond to more complex questioning
Linguistic To respond using sophisticated sentence stem	Physical To respond positively to others who may disagree with

Recommended Reads

- Why were Mayan games so deadly? – Tim Cooke
- Uncover History – Mayan Civilisation – Clare Hibbert

Geography: Identify where the Maya people lived and how the area has changed over the years. Look at the importance of the landscape and farming to the Maya Civilisation.

History: Learn about key aspects of the Ancient Maya civilisation including: daily life, gods, important inventions and how society was organised (including city states). They will also look at what we learn today from the Ancient ruins and how what they did then, impacts our life today. Study different sculptures and pieces of art from Ancient Maya and what we learn about the time period from them.

Science: Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the main parts. Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the