KEY VOCABULARY

Civilisation – the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular group of people in a specific place or time.

Settlement - a place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.

Chronology - the arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence.

Physical Geography – Geography concerned with naturally occurring features e.g. mountains, climate, soils, rivers etc

Human Geography – The study of how humans interact with the physical geography of where they live or settle.

Sacrifice - the offering of an animal, plant, or some material possession to a deity or God.

Trade – the actions of buying and selling goods and services.

Fair trade - Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

KEY QUESTIONS

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KEY FACTS

- It is thought that Mayan civilisation began in - approximately - 2000BC when hunter-gathers began to settle in Central America.
- Maya society was formed of a number of **city states each with their own ruler**; each city was surrounded by rural settlements.
- During this time, society became more organised around these urban areas.
- Advances were made in astronomy, maths and language, as well as architecture and agriculture. Links were made with other peoples across the continent.
- No one knows for sure why the Maya civilisation went into **decline**. Possible explanations involve the overuse and exhaustion of farming land, prolonged drought, misrule, warfare and disease.

DIAGRAM/PICTURE

Further Reading

- **Mayan facts/timeline:** https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/the-maya
- **"The Story of Chocolate"** Usborne's Young Reading Series 1 has a section on the Mayans.
- **Maya civilisation:** https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw

What do I know about this already?	How might this knowledge help me?	What do I want to find out more about?	How could I find out more?	How could I present what I know?	Which parts of this do I need to try harder to understand?