

Invasion/Civilisation



Core Knowledge

Conquest and the Empire

The Maya were established by 1100BC.

The Mayan civilisation was largely located in Guatemala, Belize and South East Mexico.

The civilisation was separated in to different groups that lived independently from one another like Greek city states.



Farming

The Mayans were innovative farmers.

Raised Farming—Used on areas of land that would otherwise be too wet to use.

Terraced Farming— Walls built to make small flat fields one on top of the other.

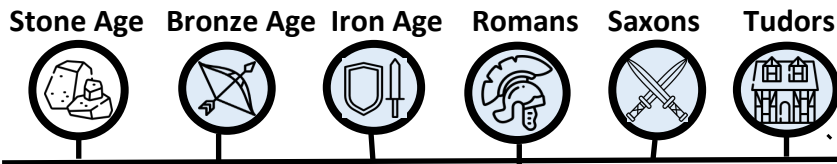
Slash and Burn Farming— Jungle areas chopped and burnt, the ash being high in nutrients.

End of a Civilisation

The Mayans were conquered in the Spanish Conquest and much of civilisation was destroyed.

Reasons for conquest; power, to spread religion and to take resources.

Historical Context



Key Vocabulary

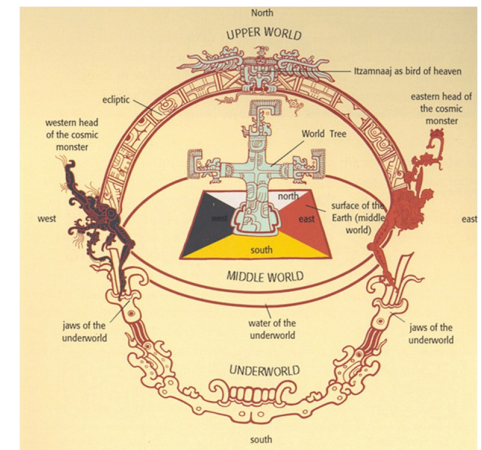
Vocabulary	Definition
Civilisation	A group of people who share an advanced way of living and working.
Conquest/ Invasion	Taking control of a place through military force
Settlement	Where one or more dwelling (home) is placed
City State	An independent government where a large city rules the surrounding area.
Maize	Corn/sweetcorn
Cacao	Seeds from which cocoa, cocoa butter, and chocolate are made
Palenque	One of the Mayan city states

Core Knowledge

The Giant World Tree

The Mayans believed that the world was divided into three parts:

- 1) The Heaven
- 2) The Earth (Middle World)
- 3) The Underworld



These were all connected by a giant world tree.