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RISING STARS History

Why should we remember the Maya?

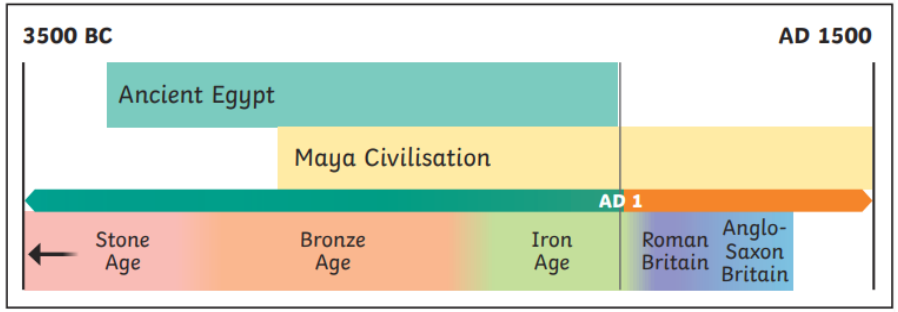
Key Vocabulary	
Maya	the name to the people of that time in Central America.
Mayan	the language spoken by the Maya people.
city-state	an independent self-governing state formed of a city and its surrounding area.
Meso-America	a historical region and cultural area in North America (see map).
hieroglyphics	symbols or pictures used to represent words.
civilisation	an advanced organisation of people who live in a town.



The Maya built pyramids to worship their Gods and offer sacrifices.



The Maya people developed a writing system based on symbols called '**hieroglyphs**'.





Maya people made many technological advances and established a huge trading empire.

Maya people lived in **Meso-America** (Central America) in the area called Mexico and Guatemala.

The Maya **civilisation** formed a society of **city-states**.

Timeline of events

- 2000BC – Farming villages appear.
- 1000BC – Larger settlements are created.
- 700BC – Maya writing begins developing.
- 400BC – First Maya calendars are carved into stone.
- 100BC – First pyramids are built.
- 250-900AD – Classic period – the Maya were at their post powerful.
- 900AD – Maya settlements in the south are abandoned.