
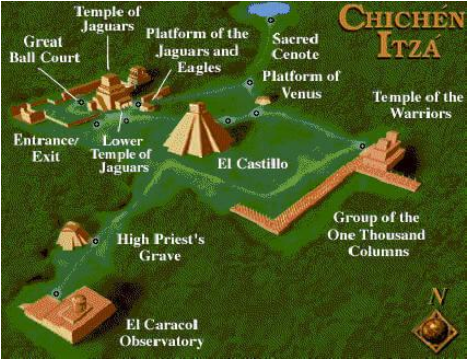




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Key Places	
  <p>Chichen Itza – a large city built by the Maya people.</p>	
Key Facts	
<p>The Maya were a civilisation who lived in Mesoamerica (now Central America). The Maya were important for their amazing developments in farming, astronomy, writing and maths. Mayan society was organised into city states; they built amazing monuments and pyramids.</p>	
Key People	
 <p>Pakal the Great 603AD-683AD</p>	<p>One of the most famous Maya rulers was K'inich Janaab Pakal, whom we know today as 'Pakal the Great'. He was king of Palenque for 68 years, longer than any other ruler in the Ancient Maya world!</p>
Key Dates	
<p>2000BC- the first farming settlements appear in the Maya area</p>	<p>1000AD- Chichen Itza is the most powerful city in the Mayan Civilisation</p>
	
<p>100BC - the first Mayan pyramids are built</p>	<p>1500AD- the first contact with Europeans</p>
Vocabulary	
civilisation	a large group of people who share advanced ways of living and working such as a government and laws and using a written language
Mesoamerica	modern day Mexico and Central America
Maya	a member of the Mayan tribe
monument	a structure made to keep alive the memory of a person or event.
astronomy	the branch of science that studies the universe beyond the Earth
El Castillo	the most known pyramid at Chichen Itza

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