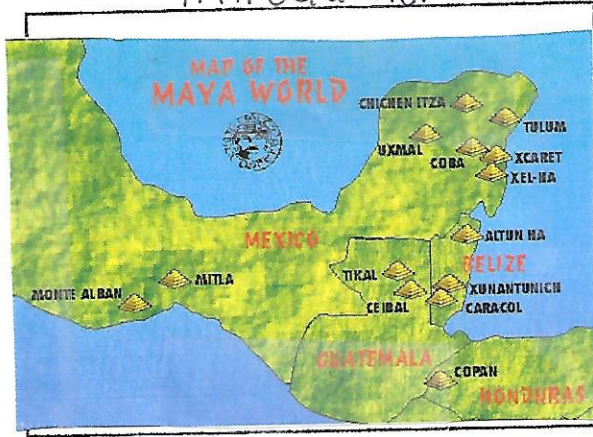
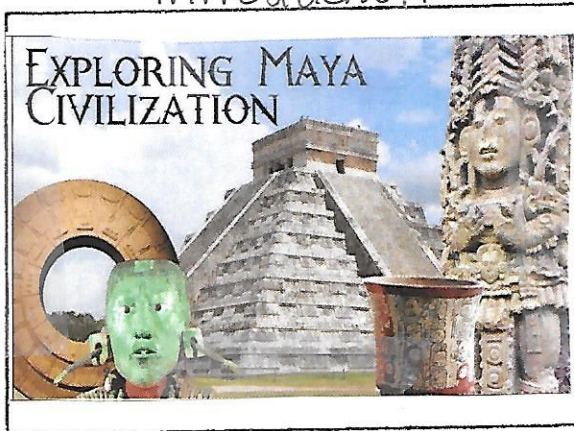


Introduction



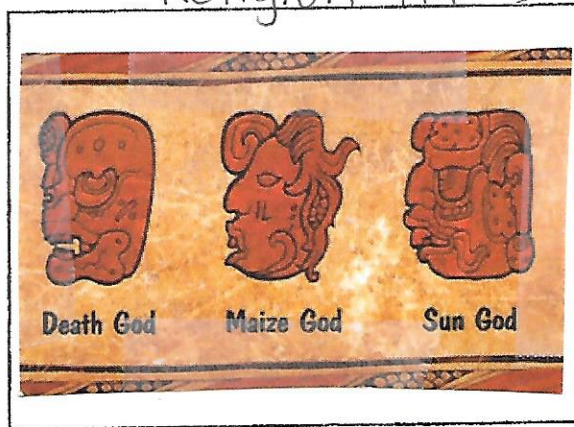
The Mayan Civilization was a Mesoamerican civilization located between northern Mexico and Central America. Its history is divided into 3 periods that span in time from 1000 BC to 1539 AD.

Introduction



The Mayan civilization is known for its art, architecture, and mathematics. It also had a very interesting government and religion.

Religion (Topic 1)



The Mayans used nature, rituals, and astronomy in their religious practices. They worshipped over 165 gods and their gods were human-like. The gods were born, grew up, and died.

Religion (Topic 1)



The Mayans built pyramid like temples as part of their religion. They were similar to Egyptian pyramids, but the main difference was the Mayan pyramids had flat tops so temples could be built at the top.

Religion (Topic 1)

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There were two types of pyramids. One type was meant to be climbed and was used for sacrifices. The other type was considered sacred + couldn't be climbed or touched except by the priest.

Religion (Topic 1)



The Mayans believed that most people's souls went to the underworld after they died. They also believed that every person had an animal companion who shared their soul. This is a representation of what the Mayans thought the underworld looked like.