

Year 6 Block 4 History Knowledge Organiser - Are Mayans and Vikings similar or different?

Key Figure

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| 1. Pakal The Great | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A king in Mesoamerica. 2. Reign lasted more than 68 years. 3. The longest lasting king in Ancient Maya. 4. He built various intricate temples. 5. Buried with a perfectly preserved jade mask. |
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Mayan Learning

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| 1. Number system | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Mayan number system was a base 20 system. 2. Because we have 20 fingers and toes. 3. It uses dots and lines to represent numbers. 4. Did you know the Mayans invented the number zero? |
| 2. Writing | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mayan writing used hieroglyphs to represent words or syllables. |
| 3. Pok-a-tok | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A religious game that was often refereed by the high priest. 2. The players would have to use their bodies to get a ball through a stone hoop. 3. The losing team would sometimes be used as a sacrifice! 4. Mayan stories would refer to the game of Pok-a-tok. |

Vocabulary

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| 1. Planenque | The city where Pakal the Great ruled. |
| 2. Mesoamrica | The region in which the Maya lived, spanning over Mexico and parts of Southern America. |
| 3. Pyramid | A 3D man-made structure that is built through large cuboids of rock piled upon one another to form a triangular shape. |
| 4. Chichen Itza | One of the best-preserved examples of a Mayan city. |
| 5. Hieroglyph | A symbol that has a worded meaning, read like our graphemes. |
| 6. Maize | Corn – a major resource of food for Mayan people. Part of their religious culture too. |

The location of the Mayan Civilisation



Time line

Maya time-line

