When did the Maya civilisation begin?

**Between 2000 BC and 1800 BC**

How many people might have lived in Tikal at its peak?

**Around 90,000**

According to the Haab (Solar) calendar, how many days are in a year?

**365**

What did the Maya add to their hot chocolate?

**Chilli**

What continent did the Maya live in?

**North America**

Who does Kinich Ahau (the Sun God) transform into at night?

**The Night Jaguar**

Which country invaded and located Maya territory in around AD 1500?

**Spain**

Around when did the Maya civilisation finally decline?

**Around AD 1500**

What is the name of the famous Maya city in Mexico?

**Chichen Itza**

What was the name of the famous Maya ball game?

**Pok-ta-pok**

According to the Tzolk’in (Sacred) calendar, how many days are in a year?

**260**

Around what year did the Maya abandon their rainforest cities?

**Around AD 900**

What was the Maya people’s main source of food?

**Maize**

What type of tree linked the upper, middle and lower worlds?

**Ceiba**

What is the name of the bread made from maize flour?

**Tortilla**

Which precious stone did the Maya make jewellery with?

**Jade**

What did the Maya use as currency?

**Cacao beans**

Who was the Maya God of Maize?

**Hun-hunahpu**

Which ‘age’ did the Maya technically not move on from?

**Stone Age**

According to the Maya creation story, what are humans made of?

**Maize**

Roughly, when was the ‘Classic Period’?

**AD 250 – AD 900**

Which god would the Maya pray to if they were ill?

**Ix Chel**

What is the name of the famous Maya city in Guatemala?

**Tikal**

What is the name given to the Spanish soldiers that conquered the Maya?

**The Conquistadors**

Around how many people lived in Chichen Itza at its peak?

**40, 000 – 50, 000**

According to the Haab (Solar) calendar, how many months are in a year?

**19**

What god is known as the ‘supreme creator’?

**Itzamna**

What was the name given to the caves that the Maya believed led to the underworld?

**Cenote**

Which country did the Maya not live in?

**Columbia**

What caused the decline of the Maya population?

**Nobody knows for sure!**

When was the ‘Colonial Period’?

**AD 1500 - 1800**

Roughly how big is the Maya population today?

**7-8 million**

During a game of pok-ta-pok, which body part couldn’t touch the ball?

**Hands/Feet**

How many days are in a Uinal (Maya month)?

**20**

Which ritual was commonly practiced by the Maya?

**Blood letting**

What does the scientific name for cacao (*Theobroma Cacao*)mean?

**The food of the gods**

What could Ix Hel (The Goddess of Medicine and Child-birth) do when she was upset?

**Cause floods**

When was the ‘Post- Classic Period’?

**AD 900 – AD 1500**

Roughly, when was the ‘Pre-classic Period’?

**1800 BC – AD 250**

What animal did the Maya believed lived on the moon?

**A rabbit**

Which creature could the God of Rain (Chac) be associated with?

**Frog**

The uniquely embroidered blouse worn by Maya women is called a \_\_\_\_?

**Huipil**

Roughly, how many languages did the Maya speak?

**37**

What was the *Popul Vuh* book about?

**The Maya creation story**

What was awarded to soldiers for fighting bravely?

**A tattoo**

What was the main job of Maya rulers?

**Keeping the Gods happy**

Who is Xbalanaque?

**One of the Hero Twins**

What age did Maya children start wearing clothes?

**Age 5**

Which country has a population that is made up of around 50% Maya?

**Guatemala**

What were Maya books made from?

**Tree bark**

What type of farming did the Maya NOT use?

**Ploughing**

What is the name of the tool the Maya used (and still use) to grind maize and other foods?

**Metate**

What technology is used to find Maya buildings in the rainforest?

**LiDAR**

Which animal did the Maya think the world existed on the back of?

**Crocodile/Cayman**

Roughly how long did Pakal the Great rule over Palenque?

**68 years**

Who could learn maths, writing, science and astronomy in Maya society?

**The children of nobles**

What did the Maya use as paper?

**Tree bark**

What are codices?

**Paper books**

The Maya kept dogs as pets. True/ False.

**True**

Around how many glyphs (pictures) made up the Maya writing system?

**500**

What mathematical concept were the Maya once of the first to use?

**0**

Which of the following is NOT considered beautiful by the Maya?

**Long eyelashes**

The Aztecs, the Maya and the Inca are the same. True/ False.

**False**

What year does the Maya calendar mysteriously end?

**AD 2012**

Which of the following did the Maya not use to pierce their ears, tongues and lips?

**A metal needle**