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Term: Spring 2

Topic: When and why did the Maya disappear?



Society



Food and farming

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Everyone matters, everyone succeeds, every moment counts



The Maya lived from approximately 2000BC to 900AD in Mesoamerica which is now in Mexico and other parts of Central America.

The Maya invented lots of things including their own calendars, farming methods, writing systems, sports and religion.



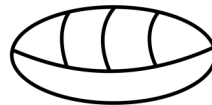
### Glossary

- Ahau** The main king of a Maya city.
- Batab** A name given to the chief of a town.
- cenote** A deep, natural sinkhole
- drought** A lack of rain for an extended period of time.
- hieroglyph** A writing system that uses pictures and symbols instead of letters and words.
- kin** One day on the Maya calendar.
- reservoir** Man-made lakes that have been built to store water.
- ritual** Actions or words often performed at a religious ceremony.
- slash and burn** A chopping and burning method used to removed areas of the jungle.
- stelae** An upright, stone slab used to commemorate people or
- uinal** One month (20 days) in the Maya calendar.

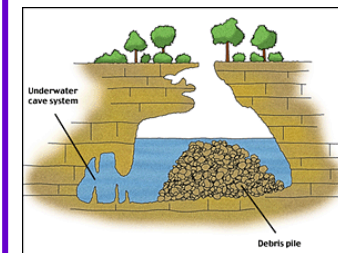
They had a writing system using hieroglyphics and there were up to 800 glyphs in their writing system.



The Maya invented the concept of zero.



They were great builders and built palaces, pyramids, temples and this is impressive because they didn't have metal tools.



They created stone reservoirs underground to catch water, and store, so they could later use it to water their plants.