



Early Civilizations: The Maya

Timeline Cards

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CHAPTER 1: The Maya

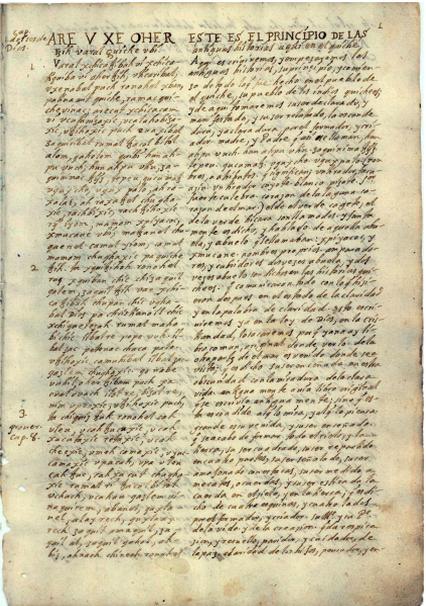


The ancient Maya civilization began flourishing around 200 CE.

Framing Question: What characterized the early Maya civilization?



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In the 1500s CE, the Maya of Guatemala wrote down their culture's traditional religious stories in the *Popol Vuh*.

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The city of Chichén Itzá was founded in the 500s CE.

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CHAPTER 2: Where Did the Maya Go?



In the 1960s CE, archaeologists began to understand the Mayan writing system with the help of early computers.

Framing Question: What factors may have led the Maya to abandon their cities?



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By the 900s CE, the ancient Maya had abandoned their cities.

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John Lloyd Stephens and Frederick Catherwood explored the abandoned city of Copán, Honduras, in 1839 CE.

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Maya People Today



Today, millions of descendants of the ancient Maya live in southern Mexico, Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

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