

Maya Civilisation - Autumn 2025

When and where did the Maya live?

The Maya lived in Central America (Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador) from around 2000 BCE to 1500 CE, peaking between 250-900 CE.



What made the Maya civilisation so successful?

The Maya civilisation was successful due to advanced farming, trade networks, mathematics, astronomy, and complex cities with strong political and religious systems.



How do we know about the Maya?

We know about the Maya from their surviving ruins, temples, pyramids, carvings, codices (books), and archaeological discoveries that reveal their culture, writing, and daily life.



How were the Maya ruled?

The Maya were ruled by kings and nobles who controlled city-states, led religious ceremonies, and made important political and military decisions.



How was Anglo-Saxon Britain ruled?

Anglo-Saxon Britain was ruled by kings, who were supported by nobles and local lords, and organized into kingdoms with laws, armies, and councils.



What do we know about the Maya city states and the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms?

The Maya had independent city-states, each with its own ruler, temples, and government, while Anglo-Saxon Britain was divided into kingdoms, each ruled by a king and supported by nobles and local lords.

How do the leaders of the Maya and Anglo-Saxons compare?

Maya leaders were kings who combined political, religious, and military power within city-states, while Anglo-Saxon kings ruled kingdoms with support from nobles and local lords, focusing

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