

# The Ancient Mayan Civilization

## QUIZ

### MULTIPLE CHOICE:

1. The very impressive Mayan society existed for a total of:
  - a.) 600 years.
  - b.) 2,000 years.
  - c.) 1,500 years.
  - d.) 3,500 years.
  - e.) None of the above

### FILL IN THE BLANK:

2. In our modern world there are five main countries that would have included the land of the ancient Mayan society. Name three of these countries:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Name four out of the six major accomplishments that helped make the ancient Mayan civilization so advanced: \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

4. Along with the Mayans, there were two other *Mesoamerican* civilizations living at the same time and area. Name these other two civilizations:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### MATCHING OF THE MAYAN CULTURE:

5. Priests	Responsible for food for all
Stelae	Carved mini-monuments
Glyphs	Could be trained in astrology
Mayan Rulers	Picture symbols/Mayan alphabet
Archeologists	Mayans best invention
Chocolate	Reclaimed treasures from the jungle

### MATCHING OF DIFFERENT CLASSES OF CITIZENS:

6. Top Class	Kings
Elite Class	Farmers, Artisans, Builders/Workers
Commoner Class	Nobles, Advisors, Priests

### MATCHING OF TRADED ITEMS:

7. Flint	“Feathered Serpent”
Obsidian	Most Prized Trade (Chocolate)
Quetzal	Used to Start Fires
Cacao	Black Volcanic Stone for Tools
Salt & Honey	Exchanged Items in Marketplace

### MATCHING OF ANCIENT CITIES:

8. Palenque	One of the 7 New Wonders of the World
Tikal	Wealthy City/ “Place of the Gods”
Uxmal	Very Powerful Kingdom/3,000Structures
Teotihuacán	Governor’s Palace is 300 Feet Long
Chichen Itza	Its Palace Probably a Ceremonial Center

### MULTIPLE CHOICE:

9. Which one of the following facts about Mayan big cities is false?
- a.) The entryway to many of the big cities was along a central road, which was often raised.
  - b.) The main avenue connected all the important buildings to the city center.
  - c.) The city center includes area for ceremonies and market trading.
  - d.) Ball games take place well outside the city center.
  - e.) The Mayans built hundreds of cities, invented concrete, and their city center is like our modern city center...it holds a lot of action.

FILL IN THE BLANK:

**10.** There are many interesting facts that this Virtual Field Trip explores and teaches you about Mayan pyramids.

Complete the following facts:

- A pyramid is made up of a series of \_\_\_\_\_ platforms, each one \_\_\_\_\_ than the one below.
- Its four sides represent the four cardinal points of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Each side of a pyramid has \_\_\_\_\_ steps. Together they add up close to a \_\_\_\_\_ year.
- The Spring and Fall \_\_\_\_\_ share the same amount of daylight and nightfall, \_\_\_\_\_ hours each.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ day of each season is cleverly calculated in the Mayan pyramid.

**BONUS QUESTIONS**

**11.** The ancient Mayan civilization is considered an advanced civilization. Name two other famous ancient civilizations that are considered advanced:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**12.** The Mayans didn't use money to buy and sell things. True or False

**13.** Mayans were obsessed with the passage of time. Hence, one of the most lasting discoveries was the creation of a \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Quiz Answer Sheet

1. d.)
2. Any three of the following: Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Belize, or Southeastern Mexico.
3. Any four of the following: astronomy, agriculture (or farming), engineering, architecture, communications, or art.
4. Olmecs and Toltecs
5. Priests/Could be trained in astrology  
Glyphs/Picture symbols, Mayan alphabet  
Mayan Rulers/Responsible for food for all  
Archaeologists/Reclaimed treasures from jungles  
Chocolate/Mayans best invention
6. Top class/Kings  
Elite class/Nobles, Advisors, Priests  
Commoner class/Farmers, Artisans, Workers-Builders
7. Flint/Used to start fires  
Obsidian/Black volcanic stone for tools  
Quetzal/Feathered Serpent  
Cacao/Most prized-chocolate  
Salt, Honey/ Exchanged items in marketplace
8. Palenque/Palace-ceremonial center  
Tikal/ Powerful kingdom, 3,000structures  
Uxmal/Governor Palace 300 ft.  
Teotihuacan/Wealthy, Place of Gods  
Chichen Itza/ Seven new wonders of world
9. d.)
10. nine, smaller...north, south, east, west... 91, solar.... ...equinox, 12...first.

### Bonus Questions

11. Romans, Greeks, or Egyptians
12. True
13. 365-day calendar