



History		Year 6
Focus: Mayan civilisation		
Age related historical vocabulary		
conquered	To take control or possession of foreign land, or group of people, by force.	
mesoamerica	Mesoamerica refers to an area where a number of societies had been formed before the Spanish arrived in the 16 th century. It covers Mexico and the northern parts of Central America. 'Mesoamerica' can also refer to the culture of the people who lived there.	
Popul Vuh	Popul Vuh is the Mayan story of creation.	
cultural	Culture is a pattern of behaviour shared by a society. Many different things make up a society's culture: food, language, clothing, tools, music, arts,	



Key Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Maya civilisation began over 2000 years ago (c 2000 BC—AD 1500). The ancient Maya developed a writing and number system; studied and charted the stars and planets; invented three complex calendars to keep track of time; built impressive temples, palaces, monuments and cities; skilfully farmed the land and established a complex political system. The ancient Maya were a clever, deeply religious people who valued intelligence and learning. Cities like Chichen Itza were still thriving in AD 1000 and the Maya civilisation was still in existence in AD 1500. It was due to the arrival of the Spanish in the 16th century that their ancient cities fell to ruin.

Success Criteria	Pupil Reflection		Teacher Assessment
	Before	After	
I can place the Maya civilisation into historical context and know some of its key events	Before <input type="checkbox"/>	After <input type="checkbox"/>	
I understand what caused the end of Maya civilisation	Before <input type="checkbox"/>	After <input type="checkbox"/>	
I can interpret a source of evidence to say what information about the Maya civilisation it can give	Before <input type="checkbox"/>	After <input type="checkbox"/>	
I can carry out a historical enquiry to further develop an understanding of the Maya civilisation	Before <input type="checkbox"/>	After <input type="checkbox"/>	
I can communicate my understanding of the Maya civilisation	Before <input type="checkbox"/>	After <input type="checkbox"/>	