

Welcome to the Maya Area

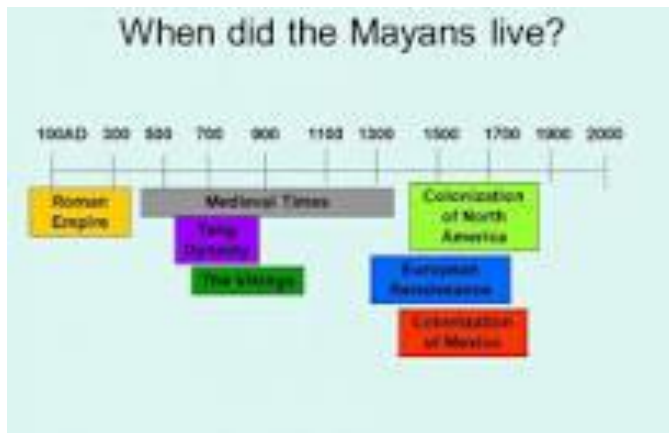
The Ancient Maya People

The **Maya** are a culturally affiliated **people** that continue to speak their native languages and still often use the ancient 260-day ritual calendar for religious practices. The ancient **Maya** were united by belief systems, cultural practices that included a distinct architectural style, and a writing system. The **Maya** are an indigenous people of Mexico and Central America who have continuously inhabited the lands comprising modern-day Yucatan, Quintana Roo, Campeche, Tabasco, and Chiapas in Mexico and southward through Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, and Honduras



Where did the Maya People live

The ancient Mayans lived in what is now known as southern Mexico and northern Central America including **Guatemala, Belize, Honduras,** Yucatán Peninsula and El Salvador. Their descendants still live there today, and many of them speak the Mayan languages.



What is special about them

The Ancient **Mayans** developed the science of astronomy, calendar systems, and hieroglyphic writing. They were also known for creating elaborate ceremonial architecture, such as pyramids, temples, palaces, and observatories. These structures were all built without metal tools. The **Maya** were skilled weavers and potters.

Three **major achievements** of the **Mayan** civilization were in architecture, astronomy, and math. The **Maya** people were great builders who constructed roads, great cities, and temples. **Mayan** cities had magnificent palaces, monuments with intricate designs and temple pyramids that are still evident today.



