

History		Ancient Maya	Year 5
Vocabulary			
Architecture	The carefully designed structure of a building	New Knowledge	
Tools	A device used to carry out a particular function.	The greatest achievements of the Maya Civilisations included: The city of Tikal:	
Progress	Improvements that move something forwards.		
Achievements	A thing done successfully with effort, skill or courage.	Pyramids:	
Discovery	The act of finding something, usually for the first time.		
Civilisation	A society, culture and way of life in a particular area and time period.	Maya writing and calendars:	
Spirituality	Someone's religious values or feelings of being connected to a higher power e.g. a god.		
Monarchy	A form of ruling where a king or queen (a monarch) is in charge.		
Invade	To enter a country, usually in large numbers and without permission.		
Conquest	Taking control of a place or people by military force.		
Sacrifice	The act of killing an animal or person as an offering to a god.		
Hieroglyphs	Characters or symbols (pictures) used in writing instead of letters.		
Mesoamerica	The ancient civilizations in Central America.		
Society	A group of people who live, work and co-operate together, generally following some shared rules.		
Pyramid	A huge structure with sloping sides that meet at the top in a point.		
Maize	Corn or sweetcorn grown in Central America.		
Cocoa	Seeds from a tree that can be turned into cocoa and chocolate.		