

Mayan Civilisation Timeline 1

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100 BC The first pyramids are built.

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900 AD The southern lowland cities collapse.

Chichen Itza becomes the most powerful city.

1250 AD Chichen Itza is abandoned.

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Mayan Civilisation Timeline 2

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2000 BC

1517 AD

925 AD

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