

meeting the maya



Wednesday

LO: To find out how the Mayans worshipped their gods.

Success Criteria

- I know that the Maya had many gods.
- I understand some of the reasons why the Maya had so many gods.

Complete independent research to answer the following questions.....

Many cultures and religions believe in an afterlife, somewhere you go after you die.

The ancient Maya believed their souls went to a 'place of fear'.

Only the rulers and nobles believed there was a chance of them getting to the Upperworld.

Why do you think this was?

How do the beliefs of the ancient Maya compare with different religious beliefs today?

Can you find any similarities?

What do you think about their understanding of the world?

Why might they have thought this?

Why do you think the ancient Maya had so many different gods?

Where does a lot of the evidence for what we know today come from? How open are these sources to interpretation?

Would you like to be alive in the 1st millennium and living with the ancient Maya? What would be the pros and cons?

Maya Gods and Religion Quiz

What have you learnt about Maya gods and religion? Can you correctly answer these 5 questions?

1. Why did the Maya perform blood letting rituals?
2. Who was the supreme god?
3. Who guarded the Underworld?
4. Name 3 priestly jobs.
5. Who could go to the Upperworld after they did?

Can you think of 3 of your own Maya gods and religion quiz?

