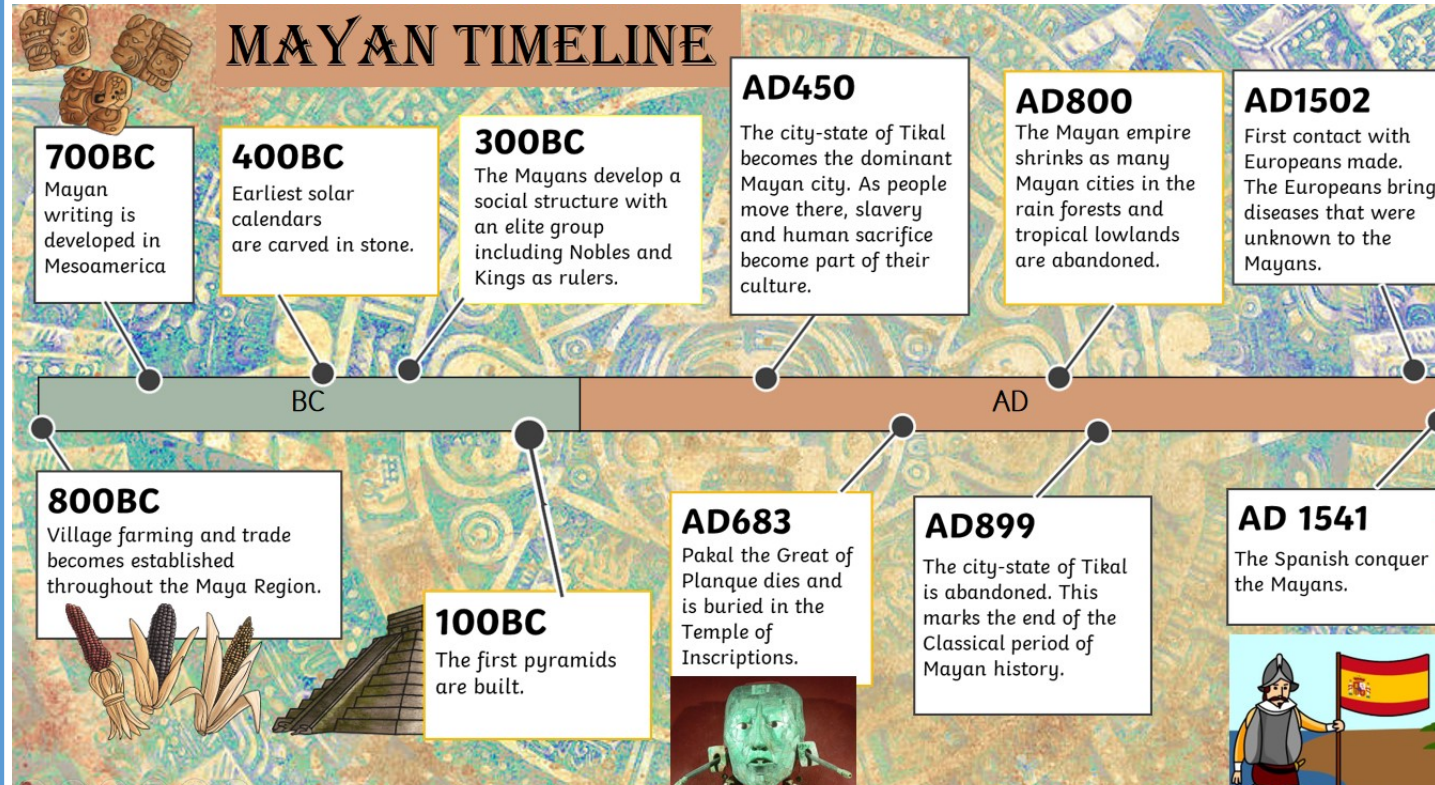


# Knowledge Organiser: Year 5 and 6 Focus: History - Do all people share a history?

This term, Year 6 will be learning about the Mayan Civilisation from Central America. We will be learning about the history of this fascinating civilisation and how great Empires are built and can fall apart. We will also be comparing it with Britain at the same time.



A map of important Mayan sites

| Key Vocabulary  | Definition  |
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| Slavery         | Working without being paid and without the freedom to leave.  |
| Trade           | Buying or exchanging goods.   |
| Sacrifice       | Killing an animal or person as an offering to a god.  |
| Monument        | A building, statue or site that is historically important.  |
| Nobility        | A member of a group of ruling people including the royal family and other wealthy or powerful people. |
| City states     | A city and its surrounding lands that has its own ruler.  |
| Hieroglyphics   | A system of writing made with pictures or symbols.  |
| Conquistador    | A Spanish or Portugese solider who went to Mexico and Peru in the 16th Century.                       |
| Decline         | To become smaller, less powerful or less important.   |
| Astral calendar | A calendar made from observing changes in the sky.  |
| Exploration     | To go to an unfamiliar or unknown area to learn more about it.  |
| Conquer         | To take control of a place or people using military force.  |