

MAYAN TIMELINE

700BC

Mayan writing is developed in Mesoamerica

400BC

Earliest solar calendars are carved in stone.

300BC

The Mayans develop a social structure with an elite group including Nobles and Kings as rulers.

AD450

The city-state of Tikal becomes the dominant Mayan city. As people move there, slavery and human sacrifice become part of their culture.

AD800

The Mayan empire shrinks as many Mayan cities in the rain forests and tropical lowlands are abandoned.

AD1502

First contact with Europeans made. The Europeans bring diseases that were unknown to the Mayans.

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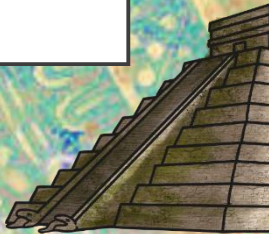
800BC

Village farming and trade becomes established throughout the Maya Region.



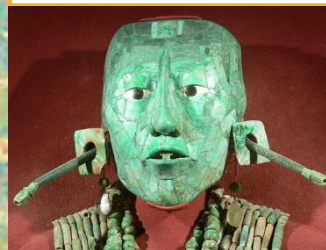
100BC

The first pyramids are built.



AD683

Pakal the Great of Planque dies and is buried in the Temple of Inscriptions.



AD899

The city-state of Tikal is abandoned. This marks the end of the Classical period of Mayan history.

AD 1541

The Spanish conquer the Mayans.

