

# LI: To develop knowledge of world history

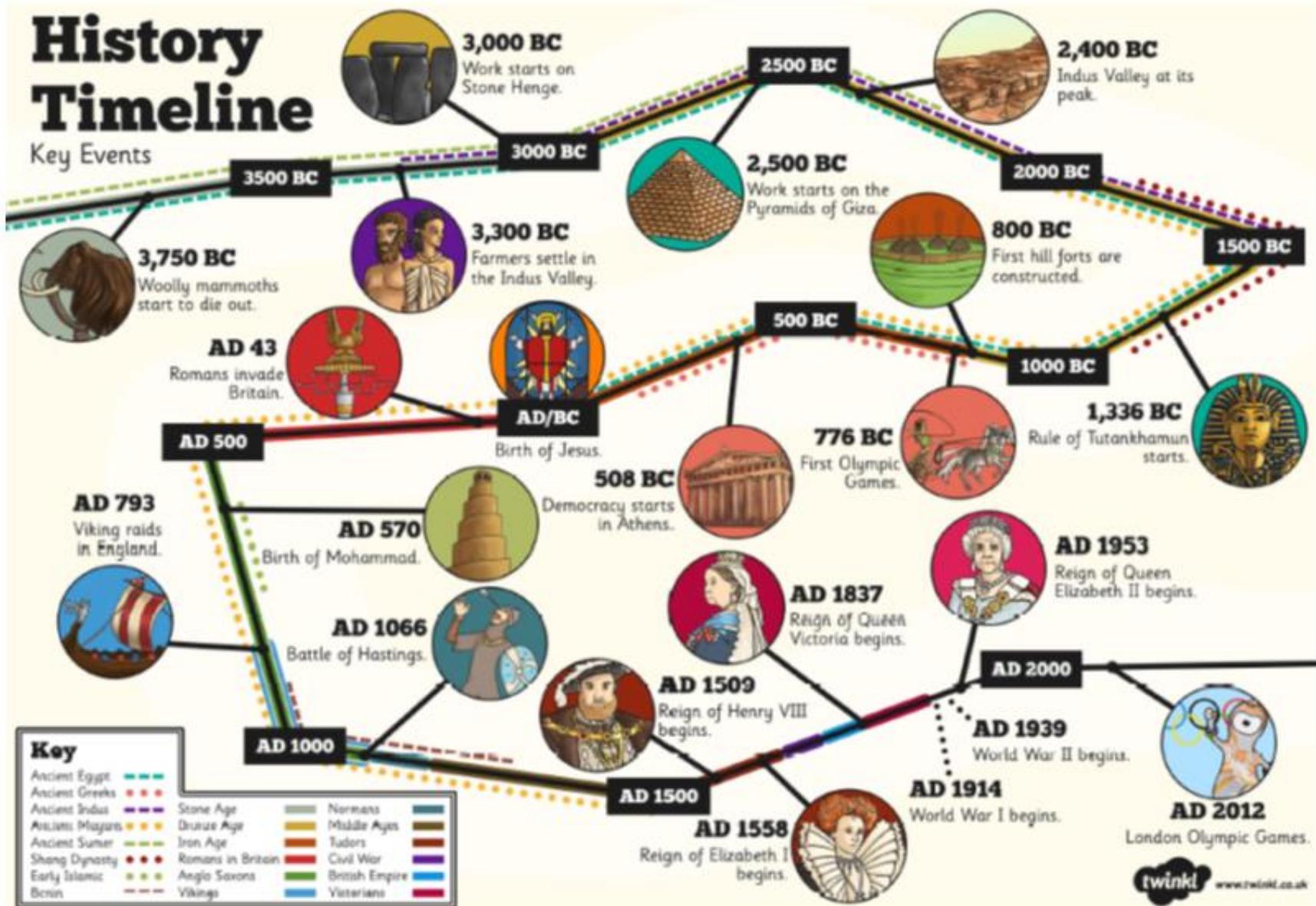
- Success criteria:
- To know who the Maya were
- To know we can find out about the past from a range of sources

# The Maya Civilisation



An informative PowerPoint about the Maya Civilisation

When was the Maya Civilisation? What other civilisations are near them?



Complete the mind map below.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Maya Civilisation -What do you know?

1. Record any facts you already know about the Maya Civilisation.
2. In another colour, write down any questions you would like to find the answers to.
3. At the end of the lesson use a third colour to write down any answers you have found out, or any new facts you have learnt. Do you have any new questions?

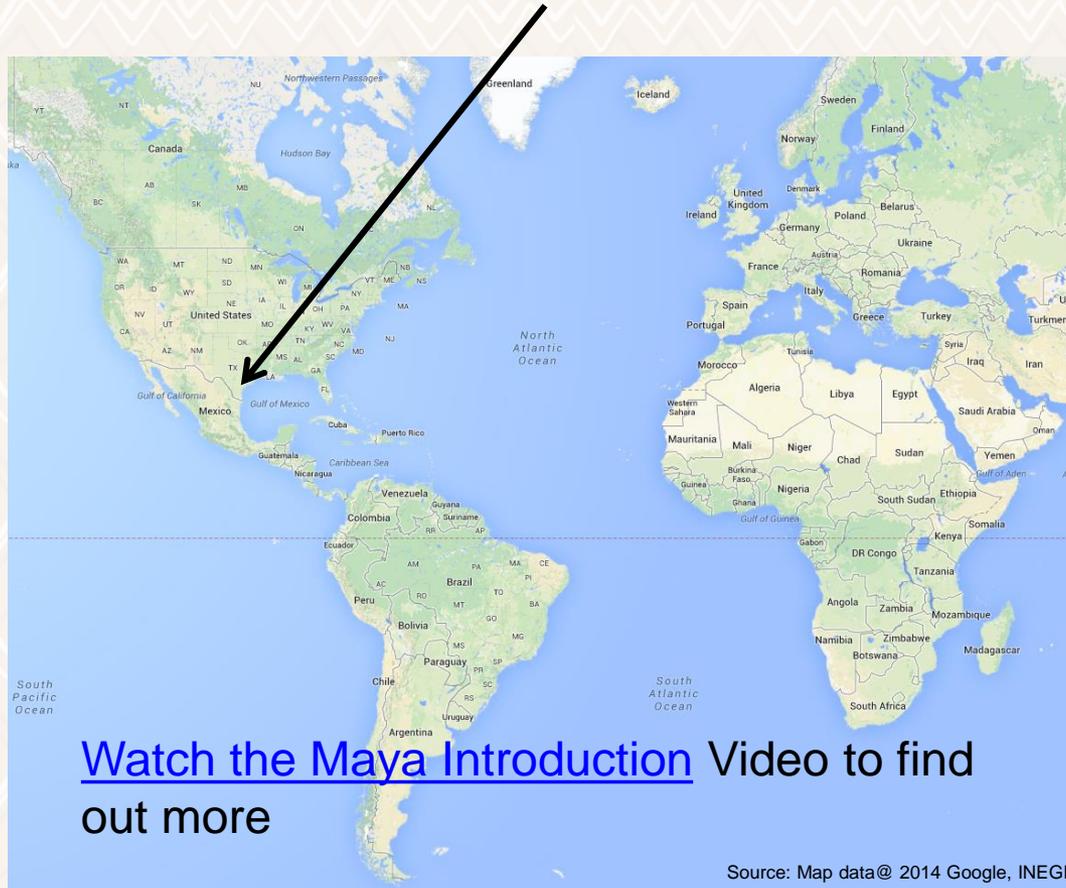


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# Now let's go and explore

## Where did they live?



[Watch the Maya Introduction](#) Video to find out more

Source: Map data@ 2014 Google, INEGI

## Activity 1

What can we learn about the Maya civilisation from this **artefact**?  
**Look at the object below and answer the questions to help you guess what the object might be.**

### Activity

#### Answer the following questions

1. What is it?
2. What do you think it was used for?
3. Who might it have belonged to?
4. What might it be made from?
5. What does it tell us about the Maya?

**Clue When's your birthday?**



## Activity 2

What can we learn about the Maya civilisation from this **artefact**?  
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**Clue You might find it in a Library?**



Have you answered any of your questions? Do you have any more write them down.

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# A Calendar

They developed a system of counting and recording time that included the concept of zero. They devised a solar calendar that is similar to the one we use today. Aspects of their calendar can also be found in their buildings, for example there are 365 steps on the pyramid temple at Chichen Itza to match the number of days in the year. They had a second calendar with a year of 200 days that was used for religious ceremonies.



A **codex** was a book made from paper folded concertina style. There are three important codices that survived which give us important clues about Maya beliefs and their astronomical observations.

