



Objectives Section 5

History at Key Stage 2

Ancient Maya: The Maya Civilisation Section 5: What does Maya Art, Science and Mathematics tell us about their civilisation?

Lesson Objectives	Learning Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To understand the basics of Maya writing and number systems.• To know about the Maya achievements in astronomy.• To find out about the different types of Maya art.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children will write their name using Maya glyphs.• Children will be able to say why studying the moon, stars and planet Venus was important to the Maya.• Children will be able to explain what Maya art can tell us about their civilisation.

Additional notes:

Hieroglyphics were important to the Maya because it was one way they told and remembered their history. The Maya achievements in science were unsurpassed by any other ancient civilisation. They tracked the movement of the stars and planets and were able to accurately predict celestial events such as eclipses. Their art tells us they were skilful, used a variety of materials, jade was a precious stone, and their art was about their everyday lives.

