

Where did the Mayans come from? Where did they live?



What do you notice about the Mayan pyramids?



Mayan pyramids were built to bury their kings. In many of their great city-states, temple-pyramids formed the center of public life and were the site of much holy ritual, including human sacrifice.

Who else built pyramids to bury royals rich folk? Think back to Year 4...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=12&v=gP4lnxsWsY&feature=emb_logo

Activity One

Where would the pyramids be located on the current map (on the right)? Write down the city. If you have access to an atlas at home you could even write the co-ordinate.



Now explain why you think the pyramids were located where they were.

Top Tip: They were used as places of worship, the Mayans were very religious people... <https://traveltips.usatoday.com/mayan-pyramids-1119.html>

Activity Two

Which one is Central America now? How do you know? Explain.



In your books write this heading:

Compare and contrast modern day Central America with how it was during the Mayan period

How has it changed?

How is it similar?

Why do you think this has changed?

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Central-America>

Activity Three

How does modern day Central America meet the needs of the people who live there today?

Think of all of the changes since the Mayan times, why has the country (world!) changed so much. Write a paragraph explaining.