

History
The Maya
Book: Exploring the Maya Empire
Pages 24-31

Students: Fill in the answers and return for assessment

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Exploring the Maya Empire.

In this segment, we are going to explore the rise and fall of Mayan cities.

You will need to go to pages 24-25 of the book.

Part 1

Read the text about Mayan food on pages 24-25. Draw a plan for what a Mayan city may have looked like.

Answer ...

Answers could include: plaza, palaces, temples, water tank, houses, platforms for religious rituals or sculptures.

Now turn to pages 26-29

Part 2

Read the text on pages 26-29. What do you think are the main reasons why the Mayan cities fell?

Answer ...

Answers could include: war, erosion of cropland/environmental disaster, lack of food, rebellion, invasion. You may like to have the students answer this as a whole class discussion or in small group discussions.

Now turn to pages 30-31 of the book.

Part 3

Why did it take the Spanish longer to conquer the Maya than the Aztec? Are there any Maya left today?

Answer ...

By the time the Spanish arrived, the Mayan cities were gone and the Maya were living in small villages scattered throughout the rainforest; they all fought back against the Spanish. While with the Aztec, the Spanish killed the king and the empire fell apart. There are Maya today living in South America.

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