

The Ancient Maya - Knowledge Organiser

- **Who** - The Maya are remembered for their amazing creations. They developed a **writing and number system**; studied the **stars**; invented three complex **calendars** to keep track of time; built impressive **temples**, skilfully **farmed** the land and established a complex **political system**.
- **When** - The Maya first developed their civilisation in around **2000 BC**. In around **1600 AD** the Maya were conquered and destroyed by the Spanish invaders.
- **Where** - The Maya lived in a huge area made up of Mexico and part of Central America.

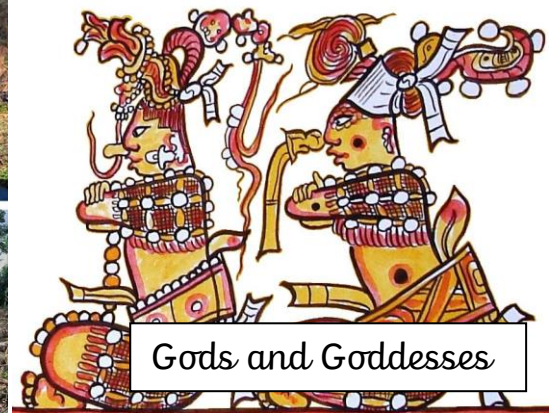
Key Vocabulary

- **Ancient** - something is very old or has existed for a long time.
- **Civilisation** - a large group of people who live in a complex society.
- **Hieroglyphs** - writing that uses pictures, characters, or symbols to represent words or sounds.
- **BC** - Before Christ (before Jesus's birth)
- **AD** - anno Domini (after Jesus's birth)

City States



Farming



Gods and Goddesses

Calendars



Map of the important Maya cities.

Chichen Itza

