Engineering an Empire
The Maya: Death Empire

1. _____ AD, in the lowlands of the _____ jungle, the Maya are becoming desperate. Their civilization is mysteriously declining.

2. What is the Maya Code?

3. The Mayas came into existence, probably a couple of _____ years before Christ.

4. Where were the kingdoms of the Mayans located (use map).

5. What was the most sacred thing that could be offered to the gods?

6. Tikal was a thriving kingdom/capital whose rival city was _____. There, Yikin Chan Kawiil built something that would stand the test of time. This was The Temple of the _____.

7. How was the temple built?

8. The Temple was _____ stories high, nearly as high as the towers on the _____.

9. In Mayan culture, kings were chosen by:
Bloodline   Elections   Spin the bottle

10. The mysterious tomb that Peter Weller is exploring was home to _____. He was the most important Maya king.

11.In the Temple of the Inscriptions, how did someone on top of the pyramid communicate with someone inside?

12. How old was Pacal when he died? _____ Who takes over after him? _____

13. In what way(s) were the Mayans ahead of their time?

14. In Palenque, the challenge of water was not storing it but rather removing the surplus of water. How did they do it?

15. There is no one agreed upon cause of the implosion (decline) of Mayan civilization, but scholars seem to believe that _____ played a role. Give one example:

16. The causeway systems allowed for _____, movement, and _____ in the north. What was the name of the city located in the north were the Mayans wanted a second chance?
Chichen Itza   Palenque   Tikal

17. How many days did the Maya estimate for their calendar?

18. What was the significance of the stairs and panels of the The Castle, in Chichen Itza?

19. What is the advantage of a column?

20. Where were the conquistadors from whom feuded with the Maya?

21. How did disease and Christianity affect the Maya?

22. How long did the Maya sustain a civilization in the forests?

23. True   or   False   All Maya cities have been discovered.

24. In the rainforests between _____ and the _____, there are literally hundreds and hundreds of Maya sites that are untouched.