World History MAYA DBQ



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Study the following documents and answer the questions using complete sentences.



Maya Map

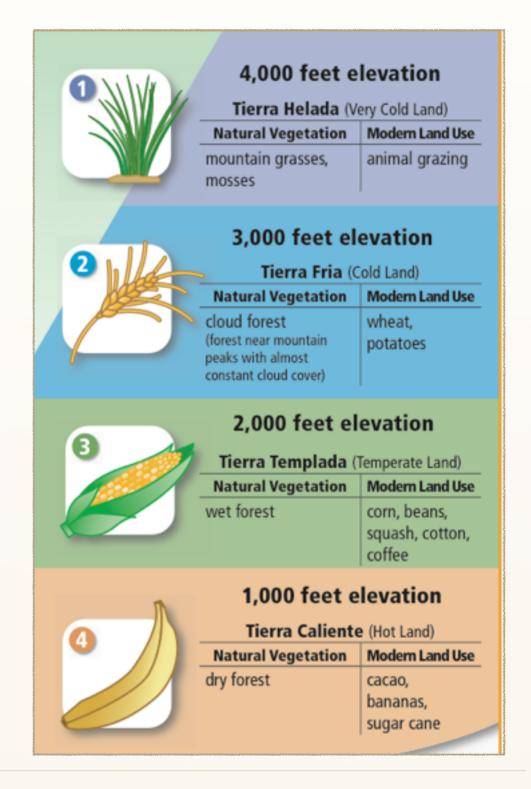
- 1. In which area were most of the earlier Mayan cities built?
- 2. In which area were most of the later Mayan cities built?
- 3. Near what geographic feature were many Mayan cities built near?
- Mayan center built before 800
- Mayan center built after 800
- 4. Which center is closest to the Gulf of Mexico?
- 5. Which center is closet to the Pacific Ocean?



Elevation and Climate in Central America

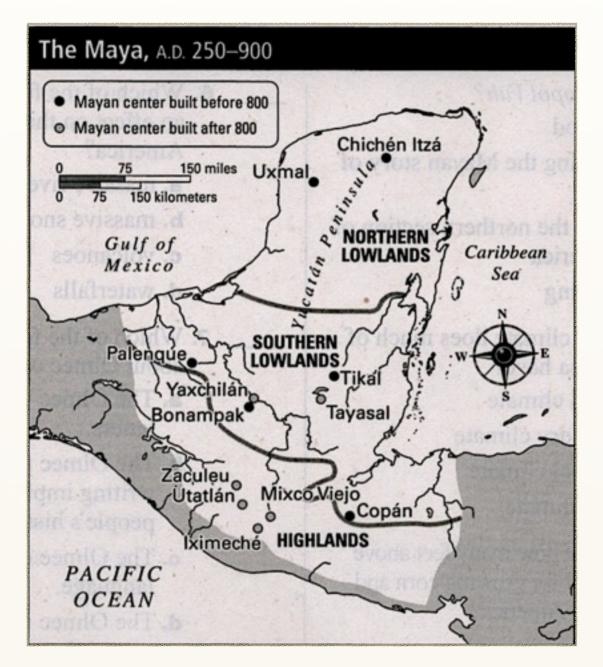
Climate and vegetation vary according to elevation. This diagram shows the main climate zones, as defined by elevation, in Central America. The different natural vegetation and crops found in each zone are also shown.

- 6. Which zone is the most productive for growing crops?
- 7. Zone 1 is the least favorable for growing crops. Why would this be?

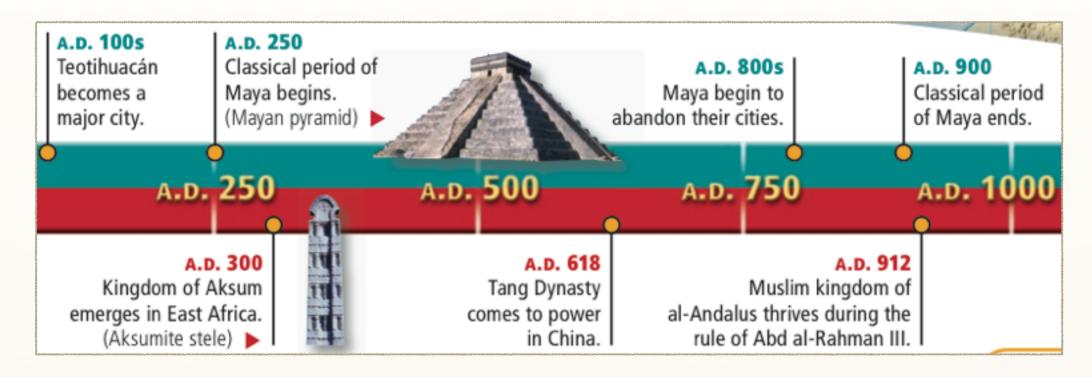


Maya Geography

8. What bodies of water surround the land of the Mayas?



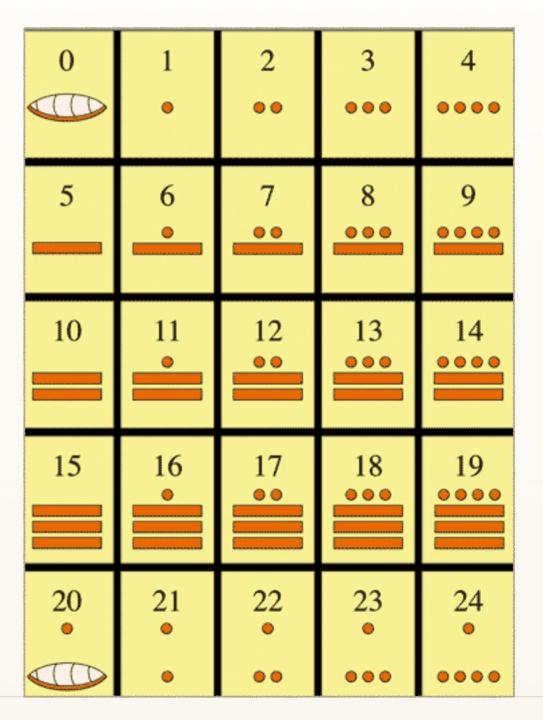
Meso-America Timeline



- 9. In which year did Teotihuacán become a major city?
- 10. What year did the Maya Classical period end?
- 11. During what Maya period did the Tang Dynasty in China come to power?

Maya Number Chart

12. The Maya number system was based on 20. Shells, dots and bars were combined to represent numbers. Using this chart, how would you represent number 25 in this system?



Mayan Pyramid

13. What can you conclude about the Mayan civilization from the fact they built temples such as the one shown?



Mayan Calendar

14. What does the fact that the Maya had a fairly accurate calendar tell you about their civilization?

15. What kind of knowledge is needed to create an accurate calendar?

