

## History Channel –Engineering An Empire - The Maya: Death Empire

1. The Maya were the masters of their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Mayan state structure:
  - b. Mayan writing:
  - c. Mayan economic structure:
  - d. Mayan religion:
  - e. Mayan Geography:
2. Competition between kings led to \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the gods.
3. What was considered the most sacred offering to the gods?
4. Why did the Mayans owe a “blood debt”?
5. Unlike Rome’s one empire, the Maya were made up of a series of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Why did the kings have building programs?
7. Tikal – Yikin Chan Kawiil – 6<sup>th</sup> century
  - a. What did he build?
  - b. Who did the labor?
  - c. What building materials?
  - d. What technology?
  - e. What color were the buildings painted?
8. Palenqua – 611
  - a. What problem occurred after the king died?
  - b. Where did the stairway lead?
  - c. Why is the find significant?
  - d. Why was the red cinnabar used?
9. Pacal 615-683
  - a. Who is the king?
  - b. How does he prove his legitimacy?
  - c. What does he do to revitalize the kingdom?
  - d. What is the solution to the problem with the vault??
  - e. What technology was created to communicate with the king after his death?

- f. Temple of Inscriptions – What did the texts reveal?
10. 684 Kan Bahlam – great consolidator.
    - a. What did he build?
    - b. Why was he ahead of his time?
    - c. What is the “Golden Mean”?
    - d. What did the Mayan achieve with their aqueducts?
  11. What happened to the Mayan in the 8<sup>th</sup> century?
  12. Where did they go?
  13. What did the causeway link?
  14. How many miles was the causeway?
  15. Chichen Itza
    - a. How did the Mayan use astronomy?
    - b. What planet was studied?
    - c. Describe the castle –
  
    - d. Plaza –
      - i. Why were columns used?
      - ii. How was the plaza used?
  16. After the arrival of the Spanish, what happened to the Maya?
  17. July 12, 1512 –
    - a. What did the friars do with the texts?
    - b. Why?
    - c. How many survived?
  18. Why is Mayan archeology just beginning?