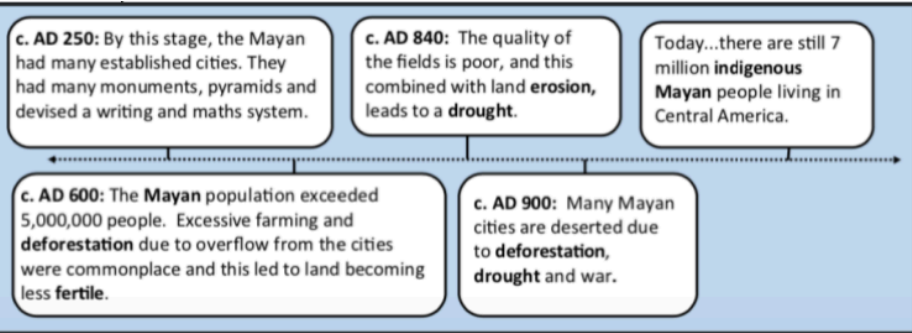




Year 5: Maya Knowledge Mat



Key Vocabulary	
Civilisation	A group of people with their own languages and way of life
Mesoamerica	Central America - the countries consist of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Belize; and the western sections of Honduras and Nicaragua, and northern Costa Rica
Democracy	a form of government where citizens have a say in how they are ruled.
Pok-o-Pok	A ball game played by Maya
Temple	A building used for the worship of a god or gods in some religions.
Hieroglyphics	A system of writing using pictures not words.
Sacrifice	to kill an animal or person in a religious ceremony
Codices	Books created by the Mayans; they were made out of bark.

Crucial Knowledge
Maya culture was well established by 1000 BCE, and it lasted until 1697
The Maya were situated in modern day central America and covered 5 modern day countries.
Maya society was formed of a number of city states each with their own ruler.
At the top of Maya society was the king and royal family who were believed to be closely linked to the gods
The Maya were expert mathematicians and astronomers. They used this expertise to make calendars.
Maya religion was extremely bloodthirsty, demanding human sacrifices and blood-letting rituals.
The Maya believed in an afterlife

Key Question Sequence
<u>How did Maya society compare to Britain in 900AD?</u>
What was life like for Maya?
How was Maya society structured?
What were the main achievements of Maya?
Where the Maya a civilised society?
Why did Maya society end so quickly?
How did Maya society compare to 900 AD Briton?