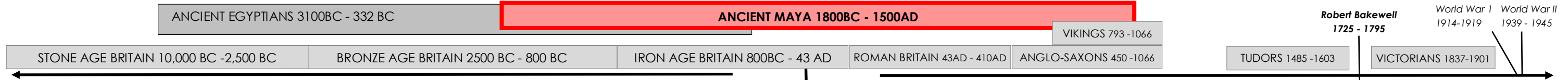




How have the Mayans shaped our today?



- From Central America (Mesoamerica)
- They lived 1,000 years ago.
- They lived in settlements in rainforests.
- High priests were the most important people.
- Who were the Mayans?
- They sourced a lot of their food and medicine from natural resources.
- All Mayan cities are city states - they make their own laws.
- Their staple crop was Maize (corn).
- The Mayans built temples which they thought were alive.

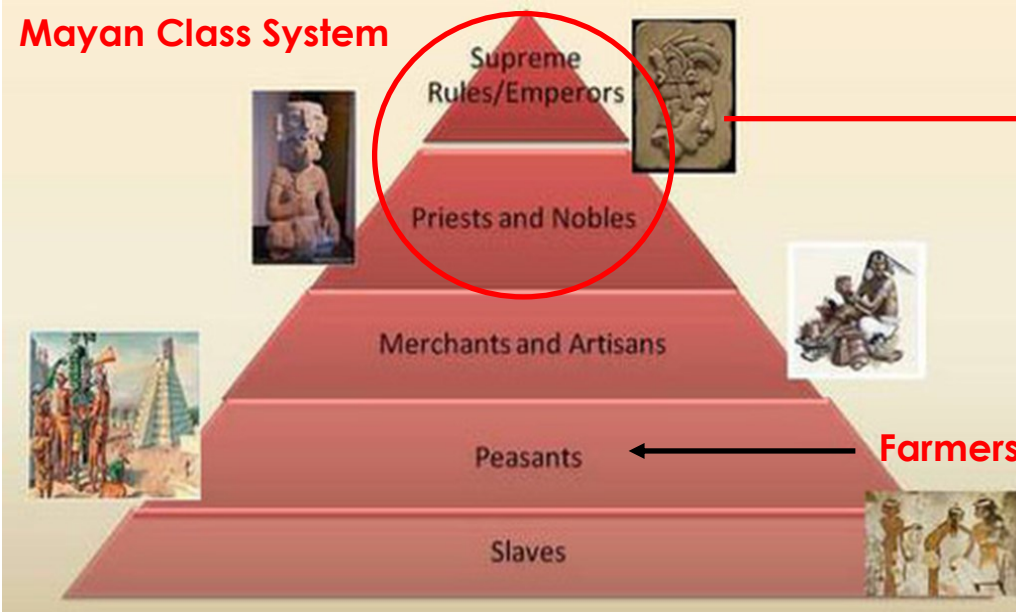
Who were the Mayans...



...and where were they from?

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Mayan Class System



El Castillo, Chichen Itza

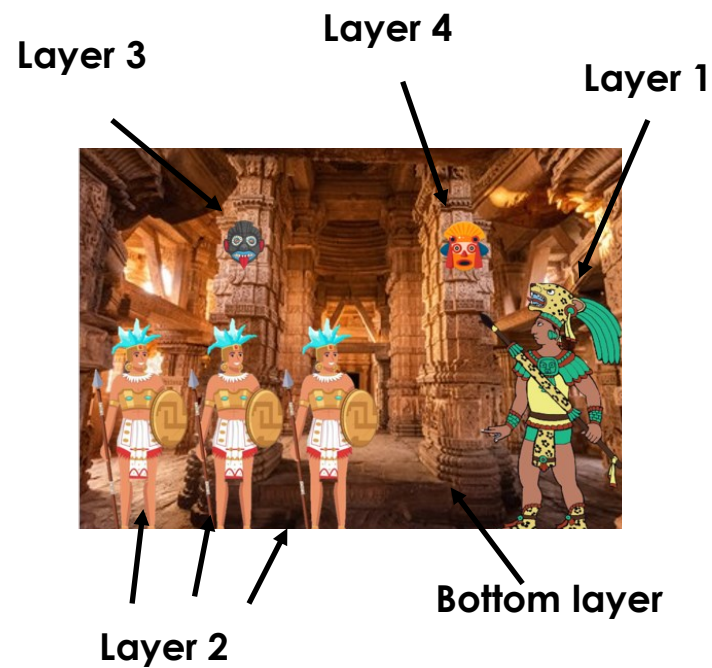


Temples and Pyramids: Built by the Mayans and dedicated to their Gods.

Kings: Led each city state independently and were worshipped as Gods.

Priests: Carried out sacrificial rituals to appease their Gods.

Frescoes: Wall paintings found on temples depicting Mayan life.



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Mayan Astronomy

El Caracol, Chichen Itza

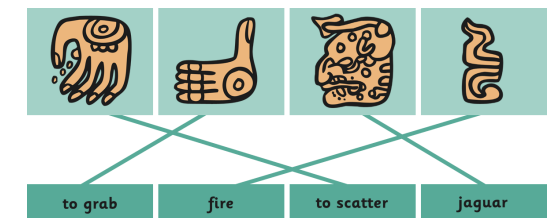


Observatories: Built and used to trace the movements of the sun, stars and planets and record them in their codices.

Mayan Calendars: Based on their celestial observations, they allowed the Mayans to calculate when to begin agricultural activities each year, and informed the schedule of rituals and ceremonies to various Gods.



Mayan Hieroglyphs: Represented words or syllables that could be combined to form any word or concept in the Mayan language.



Codex or Codices: Books written by professional scribes containing information about astronomy, gods, war and history.

