

History Lesson - How Do We Know About the Maya?

How do we know about the Maya? What traces can a civilization leave behind for us to find?

Sources of evidence about the Maya

What kind of evidence is this?

- Picture?
- Writing?
- Object?
- Building?



Pictures can show us what people looked like, and what was important to them.

Writing can tell us details like names and dates.

Objects can tell us how people made things.

Buildings tell us what life would have been like.



It comes from all four sources:

It has a picture of a Maya woman seeing a vision of a snake.

It is a carved object that has come from a Maya site.

It has writing on it (the squares) which tell us the woman was a queen.

It was a lintel that was carved to go above a doorway in a temple.



Your job today is to look at some different sources of evidence from the ancient Maya civilisation, read the information and answer the questions about each source.

You will find it all on the document called 'Sources of Evidence'.