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Maya Webquest

Answer the following questions!

Type in or click on the following address:

<http://mayas.mrdonn.org/index.html>

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Click on and read the [Mysterious Maya?](#)

1. Why are the Mayas sometimes referred to as "the mysterious Mayas"?

Click the back button and click on and read [Maya Religion](#)

2. What were the three layers of the Mayan World?

Layer 1: _____
Layer 2: _____
Layer 3: _____

3. What animal did priests dress up as during religious ceremonies?

4. Why were mirrors feared in Mayan times?

Click the back button and click on and read [Priests](#)

5. Explain the powers Mayan priests had in Mayan daily life.

Click the back button and click on and read [Maya Temples](#)

6. How many noble families ruled each Mayan city?

Maya Architecture Questions

Answer using complete sentences

1. Describe how the Mayans enhanced their buildings.
2. What characteristics did Mayan cities share?
3. What type of material was primarily used in Mayan construction?
4. Describe how mortar was probably discovered.
5. What is the name of the Mayan educational center in Uxmal?
6. What features characterize the Peten style of architecture?
7. What did the Mayan believe about rattlesnakes?
8. Which two architectural styles feature enormous serpent mouths?
9. Who named the Mayan temples and pyramids?
10. Who was Quetzalcoatl, and how did the Toltec honor him?

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Where it says “explain” use complete sentences!

Click on and read the [Mysterious Maya?](#)

1. Why are the Mayas sometimes referred to as "the mysterious Mayas"?

Nobody knows where the Maya people came from before they arrived in the Yucatan Peninsula, and nobody knows why they left or where they went when most of the Maya people abandoned their cities and disappeared from the Yucatan Peninsula.

Click the back button and click on and read [Maya Religion](#)

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2. What were the three layers of the Mayan World?

Heavens, the Earth, and the Underworld

3. What animal did priests dress up as during religious ceremonies?

Jaguars

4. Why were mirrors feared in Mayan times?

The Maya believed that monsters from the Place of Awe could reach through the mirror, and yank you into the Otherworld.

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5. Explain the powers Mayan priests had in Mayan daily life.

Priests decided when to plant, when people could marry, marry, and whom to sacrifice.

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6. How many noble families ruled each Mayan city?

Typically one

Mayan Empire Journal

You will be writing a report for your people about the Mayan Civilization. You are a merchant that is traveling through various cities of the Mayan Empire. You have been ordered to write down everything you see on your travels by your tribal leader. Your tribe is worried that the Mayans might go to war with your tribe in the future, so they want to know as much as possible about the Mayans. You will write a five paragraph essay about Mayans. Make sure to be creative in explaining the wonders of Mayan Empire.

1. Use the following website to gather information about the Mesopotamians.

<http://mayas.mrdonn.org/>

2. Your report needs to be for the people of your tribe, who know very little about Mayan Empire.

3. The first paragraph will explain what Mayan cities are like

<http://mayas.mrdonn.org/builders.html>

<http://mayas.mrdonn.org/pyramids.html>

<http://mayas.mrdonn.org/palaces-and-temples.html>

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Final paper is due on _____

Grading of the Mayan Journal

Your paper will be evaluated on the following:

10 points for grammar, proofreading, and quality of writing

0	5	7	8	10
None	Weak	Average	Strong	Exceptional

10 points for voice and engagement of your report on the Mayans

0	5	7	8	10
None	Weak	Average	Strong	Exceptional

20 points for facts, connections, and details within your five paragraphs on the Mayans

0	10	14	16	20
None	Weak	Average	Strong	Exceptional

40 points

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