

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR STUDENT RESEARCH

1. How did the Mayan civilization grow and flourish in a tropical jungle?
2. What were some unusual rituals about the daily life of the Mayans?
3. Did the Mayans have blood sacrifice like some other civilizations in Mesoamerica?
How did they celebrate their religion through holidays and rituals?
4. What makes the Mayan writing system so special? How was their writing finally discovered?
5. How is the Mayan calendar system like or different from our own? Does the Mayan calendar accurately predict the end of the world?
6. What is significant about Mayan art and pottery? What information does art and pottery give us into the world of the Mayans?
7. How did Mayans build such great temples and pyramids without modern tools?
8. What was the government or social structure of the Mayans and how did it affect their daily life? Did they own slaves?
9. What did Mayans do for fun?
10. How did Mayans use a number system, and did they invent the number zero?
11. Some conspiracy theorists think that Mayans were aliens who lived here for a time.
Could this be true? Where did Mayans originally come from?
12. The Mayan cities were eventually abandoned. What happened to the Mayan civilization? Why did it disappear?
13. What contributions or legacies does the Mayan civilization give to the modern world?