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COMPLETE THE STORY Fill in the blanks using words from the word bank.

**GODS STELAE HUNDREDS THOUSANDS POLITIES TELESCOPES SPANISH YUCATAN
CODEX STEP PYRAMIDS SOUNDS CULTURES STARS MILITARY CONQUEST PLEIADES**

The Maya were an ancient civilization located in and around the Peninsula. Their culture came of years before the Aztec civilization. The Maya were ruled by a collection of city-states, or Giant buildings called dominated the cities. Each city-state tried to gain more influence through We consider the Maya a single civilization because they shared very similar

Maya writing is a made of symbols that represent They had of symbols that they used to write words. We have learned much about the Maya from their writing, which has been found on stone, wood, pottery, and in a type of book called a Stone columns, called, are covered in writing that traces the histories of families and wars.

To better understand their, the Maya made many scientific and technological advances. They made detailed charts of the in the sky, without using! A key constellation was the cluster, which they considered to be the home of their ancestors.

The finished conquering all of the Mayan polities by the 17th century, but people of Mayan descent still live in the same region of the world today.

FURTHER RESEARCH

Why did the Aztec civilization fall all at once to the Spanish, while the Maya civilization took much longer to be conquered?

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5 W's + H CHART

Fill in the chart below with information about the Maya civilization.

WHO were the Maya?

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WHAT is a base-20 number system?

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WHEN did the Maya civilization end?

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WHY did the Maya build observatories at the top of their pyramids?

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WHERE were the centers of the Mayan culture?

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HOW did the Maya record their history?

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DEFINE Can you explain the terms below in your own words?

MESOAMERICA:

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EMPIRE:

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PYRAMID:

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CONQUEST:

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HIEROGLYPHICS:

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PHONETIC:

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CODEX:

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OBSERVATORY:

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CONSTELLATION:

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ANCESTOR:

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Choose an additional term from the movie to define.