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1 What did the ancient Aztec civilization have that Maya civilization lacked?

- A A knowledge of organized warfare
- B A single controlling authority
- C Impressive architecture
- D A calendar system

2 Mayan city-states were urbanized. What might you find in an urban area?

- A Dense foliage
- B A few thatched huts
- C Large tracts of farmland
- D Lots of people living close together

3 What era of European history coincided with the height of Mayan civilization?

- A The Dark Ages
- B The Golden Age of Athens
- C The Industrial Revolution
- D The Age of Exploration

4 Which term best describes the relationships between neighboring Mayan city-states?

- A Nonexistent
- B Harmonious
- C Competitive
- D Commercial

5 The ancient Mayans believed that their ancestors originally came from:

- A The moon
- B The Pleiades star cluster
- C The Andromeda galaxy
- D The constellation Orion

6 A Mayan stele would most likely contain:

- A A list of farmers who lived in the area
- B Folktales from the countryside
- C The story of a major battle
- D Information about the months and days of the year

7  While exploring an ancient Mayan temple, you see the following symbols carved into a wall. What might they represent?

- A Description of the weather for a particular day
- B Tally of dried goods created in a particular year
- C Sacred prayer to a Mayan god
- D Names of all the people living in a particular town

8 The function of a Mayan step pyramid was most similar to the function of:

- A A church or synagogue
- B A royal palace
- C A grain silo
- D A royal cemetery

9 Which of the following natural occurrences would probably be most interesting to a Mayan priest?

- A A cloud formation on the horizon
- B The flooding of a nearby river
- C A hurricane
- D An unusual alignment of the planets

10 What did the ancient Mayans have in common with the ancient Greeks?

- A The desire to build huge pyramids
- B A religion that worshipped a single god
- C A writing system
- D Shipbuilding ability