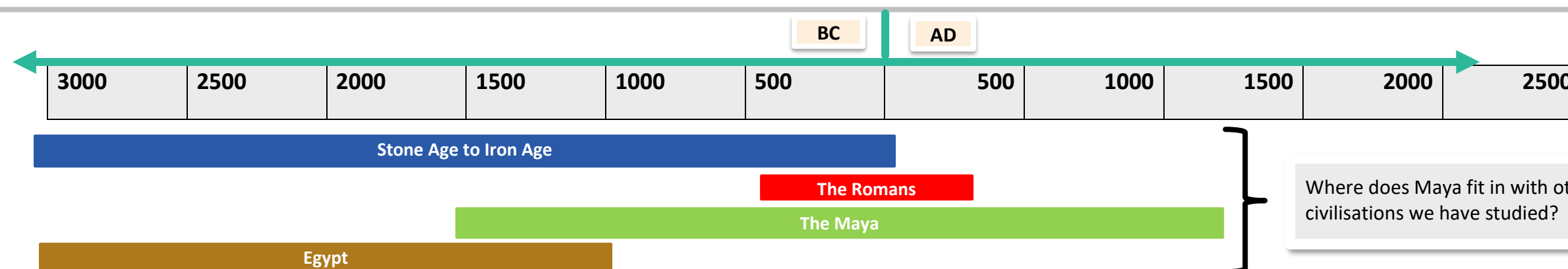


The Maya Civilisation: Why should we remember the Maya?



Key takeaways

1. The Maya lived in Meso-America (Central America) in the area called Mexico and Guatemala.
2. The Maya was a Stone Age culture as they didn't have metal.
3. The Maya formed a society of **city-states**.
4. The Maya made many **technological** advances and established a huge **trading** empire.
5. The Maya developed a writing system based on symbols called hieroglyphs.
6. The Maya built pyramids to worship their gods and offer **sacrifices**.
7. The Maya worshipped up to 300 gods, each one doing a different job.
8. There are many **theories** why the population of Maya cities disappeared around 900AD.
9. We know about the Maya from archaeological remains and the people living in the area today.
10. We use the term Maya not Mayan. Mayan is only used to describe the language.

5 words to remember

Theory: An idea about why something happened

Sacrifice: To make an offering to a god

City-state: An independent self-governing state formed of a city and its surrounding area

Technology: Developing knowledge and tools to make people's lives easier

Trade: The buying and selling of things like food

The main reason we should remember the Maya is because

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Use an atlas to locate Meso-America on a map of the world.

The Maya built pyramids. Here is one at Tikal in Guatemala.



The Maya lived in an area covered by rainforest.

