

Week 5 - History

The Maya

Earlier this year (and last year!) we learnt about Anglo Saxons.

Anglo Saxons settled in Britain from around 400 AD to 1066 AD.

The Maya civilization was at its peak in Mesoamerica from 250 AD to 900 AD.

Interestingly, although these civilizations occurred at a similar period of time, their lives were very different.



Anglo-Saxons

The Maya

We are going to look at images of artefacts from both civilizations and try to draw some historical conclusions to compare them.

As you go through the images, make notes on what you can see in each picture. What similarities and differences are there between the artefacts?

It might be useful to draw a table in your book to help keep track of your thoughts.

Religious Buildings

Maya



Pyramid at Chichen Itza

Anglo-Saxon



Church, Bradwell-on-Sea

Playing Games

Maya



Ball-players

Anglo-Saxon



Bone dice

Writing

Maya



Glyphs carved on a monument

A glyph is a symbol that has an agreed meaning.

Anglo-Saxon



Runes and images, Franks Casket

A rune is an letter of an ancient Germanic language.

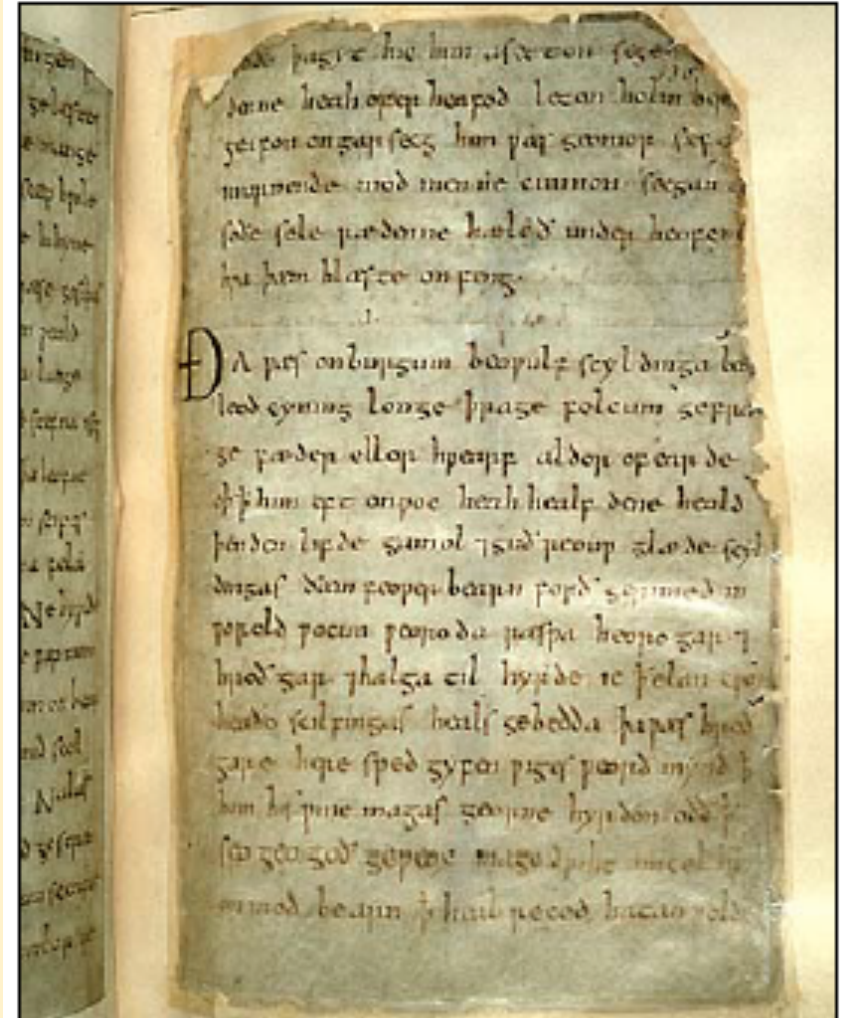
Stories

Maya



Creation story of Popol Vuh

Anglo-Saxon



Beowulf

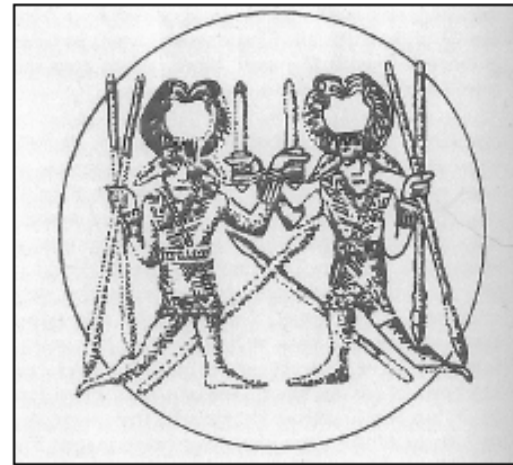
Gods

Maya



Two kings dressed as the Hero Twins who became the sun and moon

Anglo-Saxon



Spear-dancers with helmets with birds on, representing the god Woden, from the Sutton Hoo helmet. Eventually people adopted Christianity.

Rulers

Maya



There were several rulers, this is Bird Jaguar VI on the right and his queen on the left.

Anglo-Saxon



Harold is crowned King of England on 6th January 1066

There were lots of kings until King Alfred united the country.

Choose two of your favourite artefacts, one Anglo-Saxon and one from the Maya. Complete the statements...

These images are similar because....

They show that both the Maya and Anglo-Saxons....

These images are different because....

They show that both the Maya and Anglo-Saxons did things differently...

How can you tell the difference between the two cultures?

Although they are very different, both cultures had lots of similar things such as religious buildings, gods, stories and games. Why do you think cultures need these things