Ancient Mesoamerica Pathfinder

Art and Literature

Mesoamerican Art

A collection of stone figures, pottery, jewelry, clothing, wooden artifacts, and textiles. Includes full descriptions of where each item is from and what it was used for.

Inca Pottery and Gold Jewelry

Excellent information on Ancient Incan pottery and jewelry made from gold.

Incan Masonry and Architecture

A brief introduction to Incan architecture and masonry.

Mayan Hieroglyphic Writing

A brief note about Mayan hieroglyphic writing.

Mayan Pottery

Mayan Travel Guide gives a good explanation and overview of Mayan Pottery.

Aztec Art

Aztec-History.com site on Aztec art explaining what ancient Aztec art like revealing it’s themes and characteristics.

Aztec Creation Story

A story of creation according to the Aztecs.

Mayan Artifacts

Pictures of Mayan tools, weapons and artifacts.

Mayan Folktales

Mayan Folktales translated by Fernando Penalosa. Several rabbit stories like “The Rabbit and the Coyote” and “The Rabbit Throws Out His Sandel” and cautionary tales such as “The Jaguar and the Little Skunk” and “The Disobedient Son.”

Popol Vuh

The Popol Vuh is the creation story of the Maya. This site translates the part of the story that recounts the first attempts of the creator, Heart of Sky to make humans.

Mayan Mythology Glossary

A huge list of terms about who’s who in Mayan myth.

General History

History of the Inca

A good introductory page to read about Incan history.
The Inca Civilization

Introduction to the culture including rulers, geography, society, religion, cities, economy, money, government, and calendar.

Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

Take a virtual tour through the mountains to the incredible site of Machu Picchu. View an interactive map and dozens of great photographs of the site and the landscape.

Ice Mummies of the Inca

Read about Incan mummies, a lost Incan city, Incan artifacts, and how archeologists interpreted this famous find of 1996.

Mayan Introduction

Introduction to the culture including history, writing, math, religion, Popol Vuh, calendar, and people.

Mayan Society

Introduction to the culture including the class system, clothing, cultural divisions, Government, Marriage, and Military.

The Mayan

What was the Mayan culture like? What was Mayan technology? What did the Mayans look like? What gods did they worship? Answers to these questions and more are on this site.

Ancient Maya

Overview of the Mayan civilization including the people, agriculture, writing, and art. This site also addresses the possible reasons for the collapse of the civilization.

Mayan Glossary

A complete list of Mayan terms and their definitions.

Mayan Geography

Maps of the Mayan civilization, altitude, temperature, and rainfall statistics.

Map of the Maya Era

One map showing the highlights of the Mayan Era during the Classic Period 200 A.D. to 900 A.D.

Mayan Ruins

Take a virtual tour around a dozen Mayan ruins. Includes photos and descriptions.

Journey Through Tikal

Take a trip through the ancient Mayan city of Tikal and view the architecture and treasures while learning about its people.

Aztec Introduction

An easy-to-read introduction to the Aztec empire.
Ancient Mesoamerica
Learn about the Ancient Mesoamerican civilizations.

Aztec History and Culture
Learn about the history, culture and religion of the Aztecs.

Daily Life

Mayan Kids: People
Overview of the Mayan people including foods, math, ball game, beauty, calendars, textiles, writing, music, arts, dance, jade, trading, and ceramics.

Mayan Kids: Places
Overview of Mayan places including the Mayans, pyramids, Bonampak, Chichen Itza, Uxmal, copan, Tikal, Rain Forest, and Caracol.

Mayan Kids: Beliefs
Overview of Mayan beliefs including ceremonies, Day of the Dead, Goddesses, Gods, divine Monkey, feathered Serpent, and the Calendar.

Mayan Kids: Games
Overview of Mayan games including "Catch a Color," Word Puzzles, and Match Game.

Photos of the Mayan Cities
Photos include Chichen Itza, Copan, Palenque, Tital, Uxmal, and other Ruin Sites.

The Mesoamerican Ballgame
An interactive educational website where you can learn about the game, the ball, the court, and the uniform, then either watch a game as a spectator or play the game as a competitor.

Meaning of the Mayan Ball Game
A site explaining the Mayan Ball Game with images and details about Mayan mythology.

Machu Picchu Trekking View
View the Machu Picchu city in unique Adobe Flash format.

Cultures of the Andes
Watch videos of dances, listen to native songs, read some funny jokes and solve tricky riddles.

The Living Edens: flora and Fauna
This site allows you to take a closer look at what animals and plants live in the rainforest.

Medicines of the Rainforest
Learn which rainforest plants can be turned into medicine and about the rainforest in general.
Mayan Medicine

Learn about Mayan Medicine and the six principles involved with Mayan medicine.

Traditional Mayan Medicine

Written by a Mayan, this site explains the Mayan view towards medicine and healing. Some healing recipes from Mayan herbalist are also included.

Religion of the Aztec

Learn about the religion of the Aztec people.

Religion of the Mayan

Brief introduction to Mayan religion.

The Mayans and Chocolate

Discover how the Mayans made chocolate.

History of the Mayan Costume

Illustrations showing ancient Mayan dress.