

The Mysterious Mayans

Do you know who the Mayans were?

The Mayan Civilisation started in 2000BC and started declining in 800AD and ended in 1500AD. They lived around Mexico some Mayans came from Belize.

Food

The Mayans ate avocados, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, vanilla and they drank chocolate. Although, their main foods were corn and maize, they even had a god of maize called Hunahpu.

Battle

In battle the Mayans were mostly close range with obsidian daggers. They would throw gourds full of angry hornets at the enemy killing a few. They burnt chilli peppers creating a smoke that would sting the enemy's eyes and skin.

Pitz

The Mayans had a ball game a bit like football. The game was called Pitz the teams had to get 9 points. It was extremely crazy because the losing team had their team captain sacrificed.

Building

The Mayans didn't build with metal. But, they did build over 30 pyramids in Mexico, they would paint the pyramids red but all the paint has worn off by now. They built sauna like structures for hygiene the oldest one found seems to be 3000 years old.



A Mayan Temple

Sacrifice

The Mayans sometimes sacrificed human beings. One way to do this was to paint the person blue then skin then which is disgusting and finally cut out their heart.

Did You Know

Did you know that the Mayans thought big noses that stuck out was beautiful? They tried to make theirs bigger. They even made some clay ones to put over their nose.

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