

## 6 TRAITS OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATION

# ANCIENT MESOAMERICA

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## CITIES

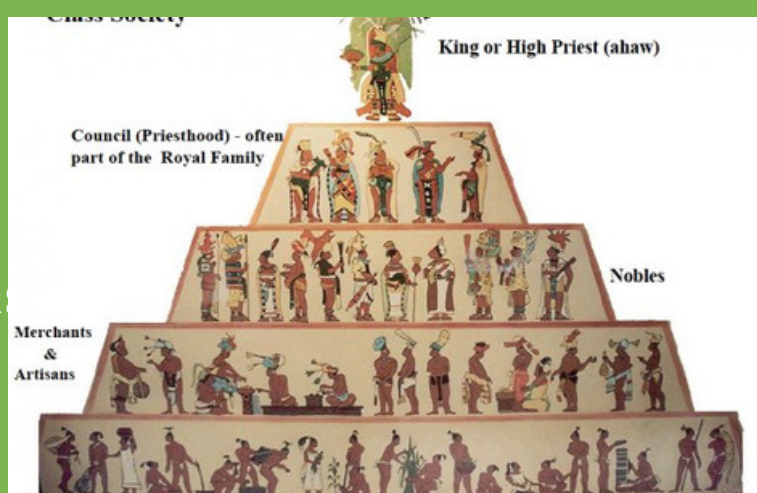
WHAT ABOUT THE CITIES?



MAYA CITIES WERE HIDDEN FOR CENTURIES BENEATH TROPICAL OVER-GROWTH. THERE WERE WELL OVER 40 ANCIENT MAYA CITIES. SOME MAJOR CITIES WERE TULUM, PALENQUE, AND KABAH

## GOVERNMENT

EACH MAYAN CITY HAD ITS OWN RULER. THERE WERE COUNCILS OF NOBLES, PRIESTS, MILITARY LEADER EMPEROR, OFFICIALS, JUDGES, AND GOVERNORS.



## RELIGION

THE AZTECS AND MAYAS WERE POLYTHEISTIC, THEY BELIEVED IN MULTIPLE GODS. AZTECS BELIEVED THAT GODS SACRIFICED THEMSELVES FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE. MAYAS BELIEVED THAT EACH PERSON'S SPIRIT IS ASSOCIATED WITH A PARTICULAR ANIMAL.

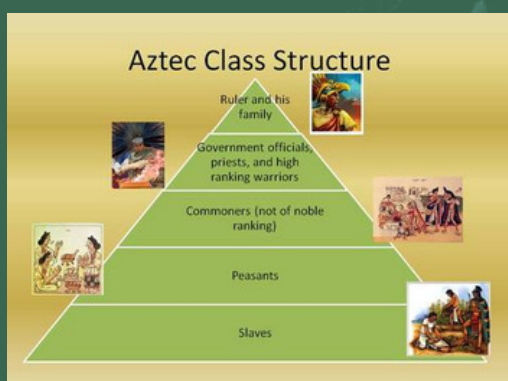
## WRITING

WRITING WAS A HUGE PART OF THE ANCIENT MESOAMERICAN CIVILIZATION. WRITING HELPED THEM TO ADVANCE IN MANY THINGS INCLUDING MATHEMATICS, ASTROLOGY, LANGUAGE, AND MUCH MORE.



## SOCIAL STRUCTURE

THE ANCIENT MESOAMERICAN CIVILIZATION WAS A SOCIETY THAT HAD ONE MONARCH BUT MANY SOCIAL CLASSES UNDERNEATH IT. WITHOUT ONE OR THE OTHER, THE CIVILIZATION COULD NOT RUN.



## Art

MAYAN CITIES WERE BUILT BY SCULPTORS FROM STONE. THEY'VE ALSO SCULPTED STELA--TALL STONE MONUMENTS WITH CARVINGS. THE CARVINGS PRESERVE IMAGES OF NOBLES, WARRIORS, RULERS AND GODS.

