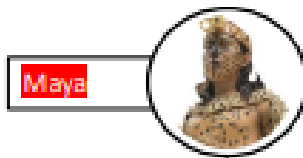
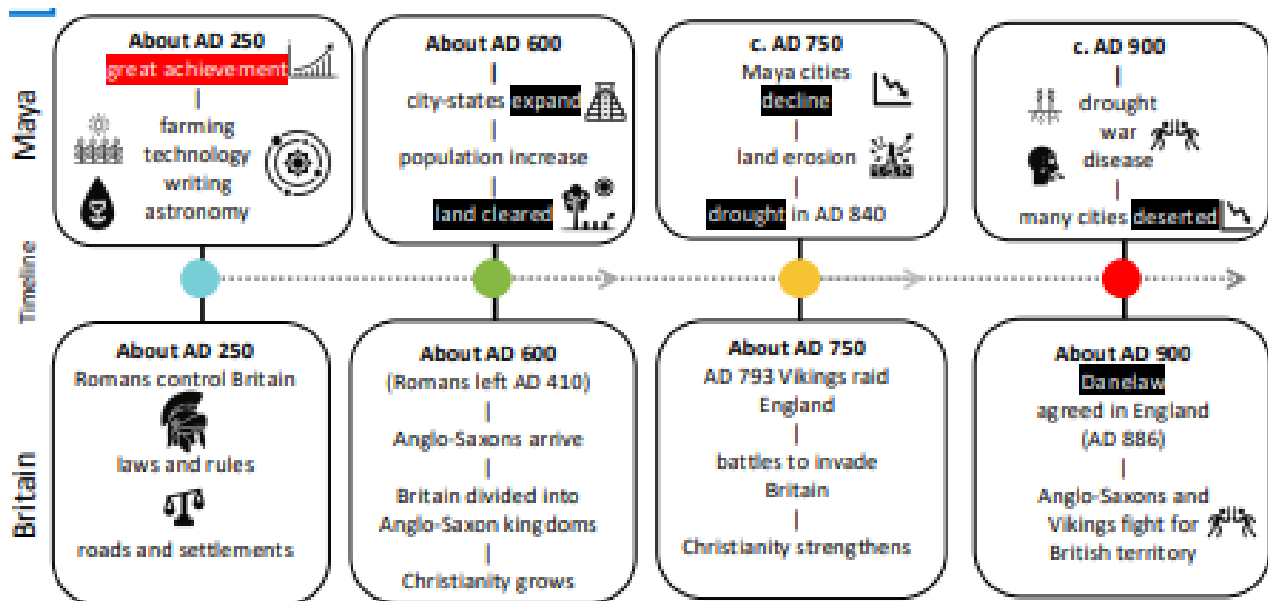


# Year 4/5 – History – Summer 1 Knowledge Organiser

## Maya c. AD 900 – a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history (Anglo-Saxons)



**location**

**Mesoamerica = middle America**  
Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Mexico (south)  
**tropical rainforest**

**location**

**Britain**  
temperate climate  
Picts - Scotland until AD 900  
Scots - Ireland  
Anglo-Saxons and Britons in most of England

**settlement**

**massive city-states**  
main central **plaza** with places, pyramids, temples  
wooden houses spread out erratically

**settlement**

**mostly villages and small tribes**  
small huts  
hall houses (leader or king)  
watch towers and churches

**people**

**Maya**  
descended from the first people to arrive in the Americas tens of thousands of years ago  
settled in rainforests of **Mesoamerica**

**people**

**Anglo-Saxons**  
tribes of Germanic people  
originated from Denmark & Germany  
settled in England & Wales with native Britons

**culture**

**Maya**  
kings and queens  
priests and nobles  
merchants and craftspeople  
peasants and farmers  
**believed in gods and sacrifice**  
heavens, moon, sun, rain, forests, animals

**culture**

**Anglo-Saxons**  
kings  
nobles, craftspeople and farmers  
initially **Pagan** (believed in many gods)  
**Christianity** spread across Britain  
churches and abbeys built

**invention**

**Maya**  
writing and number systems  
astronomy and calendars

**invention**

**Anglo-Saxons**  
7 kingdoms emerged in England  
illuminated manuscripts