

VIDEO LESSON: *Discovering the Maya*

TOPIC | Central America, Mayans, and Jungle

OBJECTIVE | Identify information presented in diverse media and formats related to a literary text.

ANCHOR**ACTIVATE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE**

Today, we are going to take a video tour of a real ancient Mayan city. The Mayans lived in a place called Central America and Mexico.

Print out or display a map showing Central America and Mexico. Discuss where this is in relation to where you live and what countries can be found there.

The Maya people lived long ago. Have you ever seen something that was really old, like a castle or a pyramid? Have you ever been to a place where people used to live? There are a lot of things from the past that we can learn from.

Encourage students to share their experiences seeing old objects or visiting historic sites. Some students could even share videos they have seen about places they want to visit online or in class.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

In this video, we will learn more about the Mayan people! As you watch the video, ask yourself, "What cool things did they build in their city? What other facts did I learn about the Maya?"

WATCH

**AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEO**

If you were going to tell your friend about the Maya, what would you tell him or her?

Display or print “Screenshots” to help encourage students to discuss the video and their ideas and opinions.

APPLY



We watched a video about an ancient Mayan city in Mexico. Let’s think about what we learned and how we feel about these amazing people. Look for details in the pictures to help you remember and tell your partner what you remember or a fact you learned.