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Ancient Maya used masks for a wide variety of reasons. The main material was wood, but other materials include: gold, jade, shell and obsidian!

Event masks were bright an vibrant and were designed on heavenly animals.

Death masks were the most sacred and protected the person into the afterlife.

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Maya’s most famous game is ‘Pok-a-Tok’. The game was sometimes used to settle disputes instead of going to war. This exciting ball game ends with a HUMAN SACRIFICE!

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| **Inventions** | |
| The number 0! Maya was one of very few civilisations to discover the idea of 0 in counting. | Hot Chocolate!  Using cacao beans, Ancient Maya made a hot drink. It was bitter though. |
| A Calendar!  Ancient Maya invented a calendar up to 2012! | Writing!  Maya used hieroglyphs to communicate ideas. |

Chichen Itza – one of Ancient Maya’s most famous temples. Also, a place Mr. Cullen has visited!

If the Maya were so advanced, what happened to them? There are many theories including: politics, war, famine and invasion by the Spanish.

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| **Key Words** | |
| Civilisation | An organised society with its own culture, existing in a particular area. |
| Maize | Sweetcorn. A crucial crop to Ancient Maya. Often planted with beans. |
| Codices | Handwritten texts. Maya codices could be unfolded like a concertina. |