

Name _____ **Ancient Mayan**



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TRUE OR FALSE

1. The Maya are an ancient indigenous people from Mexico and Central America. _____

2. The Maya used hieroglyphics, but they did not invent them. _____

3. The Maya civilization was composed of many city-states that each had its own independent government. _____

4. The Mayan legal system was very unstructured, and crimes often went unpunished. _____

5. The Maya created a calendar based on their observations of the planets and the stars, but it was not very accurate. _____

6. The Maya believed that the gods gave their kings the right to rule and that the kings could communicate with the gods. _____

7. Religion was an important part of Maya life, and the priests played a significant role in their government as advisors to the kings. _____

8. When the Spanish arrived in the early 1500s, they brought diseases with them that killed many Maya. Others were taken as slaves and forced to work for the Spanish. _____