

# MAYA EMPIRE



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The Maya Civilization began in 1800 BC. Although their civilizations were similar, the Maya came thousands of years before the Aztec. Some Mayans still live on the Yucatan Peninsula today.

The Mayans began to develop during the Mesoamerican civilization. The Mayans occupied areas in Belize, Guatemala, the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and Honduras.

The Maya were one of six Mesoamerican civilizations. They are known for art, architecture, hieroglyphic writing and astronomy. They believed the stars, sun and moon were gods. They noted their eclipses, solstices and equinoxes in their temples.

The Maya civilization consisted of a large number of city-states. Each city-state had its own government! Every city-state was ruled by a king. The king was given the right to rule by the gods.

At the peak of the Maya civilization, there were hundreds of Maya cities. Although southern city-states collapsed, Maya cities in the northern Yucatan Peninsula continued to thrive for several hundred years.

In 600 BC, the settlement at Tikal was formed. Tikal was a major city in the Maya civilization.

The king of the Maya cities and his nobles lived a simple life. Food, entertainment, and labor were provided by the commoners or slaves. The commoners lived in mud huts on their farms outside of the city. Mayans were skilled artists, weavers and potters. They created art to honor their leaders and gods. They also created musical instruments such as the horns and drums. The Maya created trade routes through jungles and swamps.

Their hieroglyphic writing system consisted of 800 glyphs. Some glyphs were a picture while others represented a sound. They carved the glyphs into stone and codices. A codex was an accordion-like book with several folds in it. The pages were made of fig bark and jaguar skins. The Spanish missionaries burned all but four of their codices. Giant stone columns were carved with stories of conquest, rulers, and gods.

Maya priests performed rituals and human sacrifice to keep the gods happy. Jobs of the priests included predicting the future, creating miracles, avoiding famine, drought, plagues, and earthquakes.

The original Mayans used one language. Over time, many more were...

What settlement was formed in 600 BC? \*

- St. Augustine
- Tikal
- Machu Picchu
- Chichen Itza

How many glyphs did their writing system consist of? \*

- 800
- 26
- 100
- None of the above

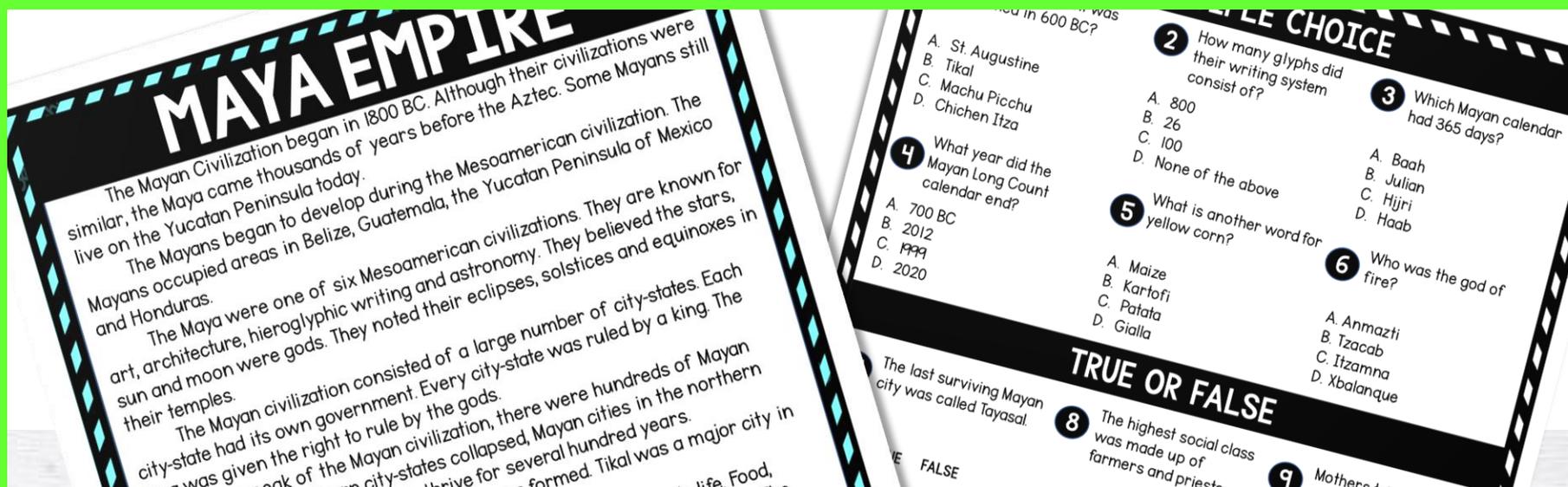
Which Mayan calendar had 365 days? \*

- Baah
- Julian
- Hijri
- Haab



# READING PASSAGE

# 15 QUESTIONS



## DIGITAL OR PRINT



# INCLUDED

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
  - ✓ ANSWER KEY
  - ✓ 15 QUESTIONS
  - ✓ SELF-GRADING
- ✓ PRINTABLE VERSION
- ✓ DIGITAL VERSION



# QUESTION TYPES

-  **MULTIPLE CHOICE (6)**
-  **TRUE OR FALSE (9)**
-  **EDITABLE QUESTIONS  
(FOR DIGITAL VERSION)**

True

False



# STUDENTS NEED

✓ ACCESS TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM™  
(IF USING THE DIGITAL FORMAT)

✓ GOOGLE™ ACCOUNTS

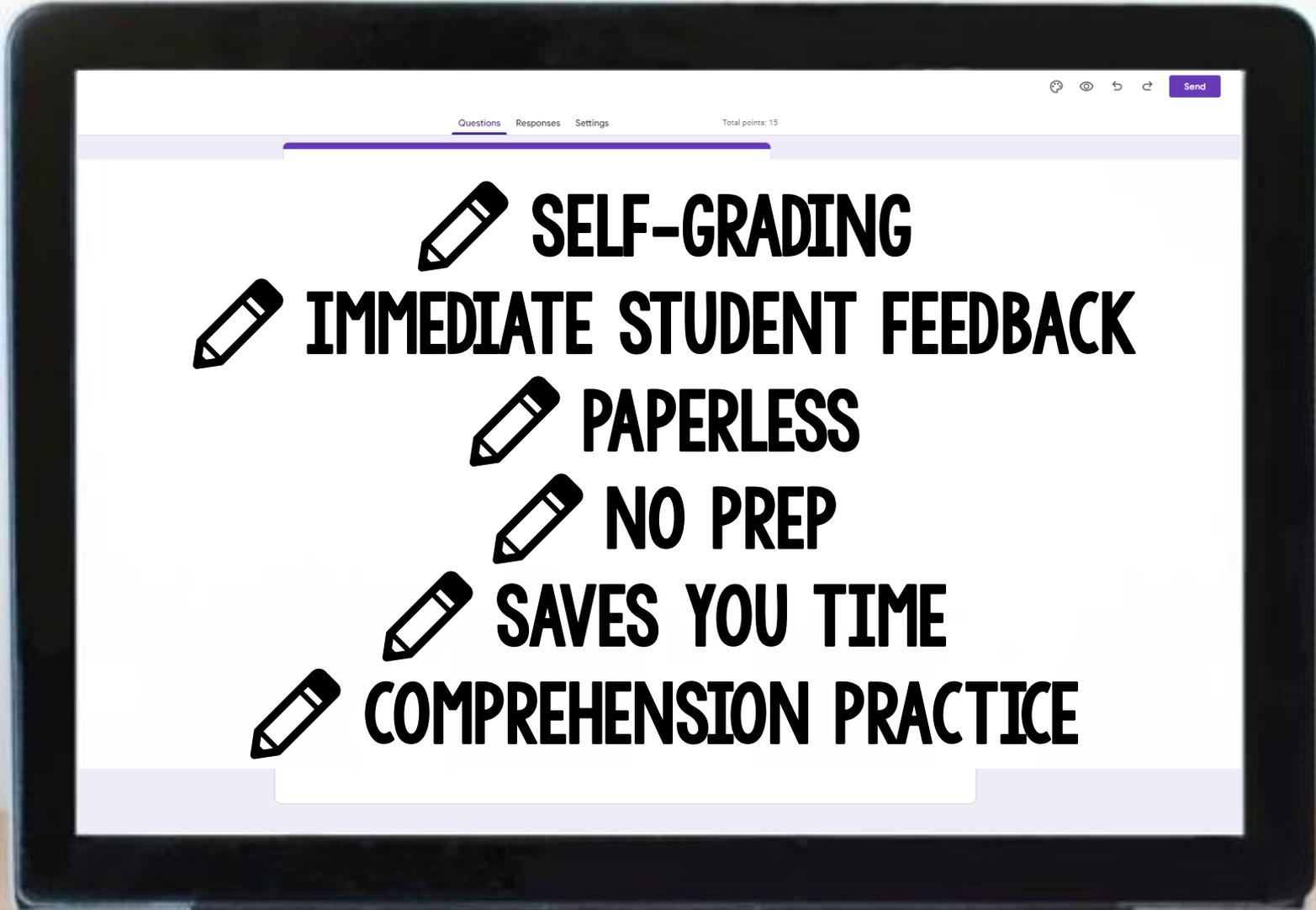
✓ KNOW HOW TO ZOOM IN AND ZOOM OUT TO  
ENLARGE OR SHRINK THE SCREEN

True

False



# BENEFITS

- 
-  **SELF-GRADING**
  -  **IMMEDIATE STUDENT FEEDBACK**
  -  **PAPERLESS**
  -  **NO PREP**
  -  **SAVES YOU TIME**
  -  **COMPREHENSION PRACTICE**



# OPTIONS



**FRONT-LOADING**



**GROUP STATIONS**



**SUB PLANS**



**UNIT REVIEW**



**ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY**



**DIGITAL**



**PRINTABLE**

