

Engineering an Empire  
The Maya: Death Empire

1. \_\_\_\_ AD, in the lowlands of the \_\_\_\_\_ jungle, the Maya are becoming desperate. Their civilization is mysteriously declining.
2. What is the Maya Code?
3. The Mayas came into existence, probably a couple of \_\_\_\_\_ years before Christ.
4. Where were the kingdoms of the Mayans located (use map).
5. What was the most sacred thing that could be offered to the gods?
6. Tikal was a thriving kingdom/capital whose rival city was \_\_\_\_\_. There, Yikin Chan Kawiil built something that would stand the test of time. This was The Temple of the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. How was the temple built?
8. The Temple was \_\_\_\_\_ stories high, nearly as high as the towers on the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In Mayan culture, kings were chosen by:  
Bloodline                      Elections                      Spin the bottle
10. The mysterious tomb that Peter Weller is exploring was home to \_\_\_\_\_. He was the most important Maya king.
11. In the Temple of the Inscriptions, how did someone on top of the pyramid communicate with someone inside?
12. How old was Pacal when he died? \_\_\_\_\_ Who takes over after him? \_\_\_\_\_
13. In what way(s) were the Mayans ahead of their time?
14. In Palenque, the challenge of water was not storing it but rather removing the surplus of water. How did they do it?
15. There is no one agreed upon cause of the implosion (decline) of Mayan civilization, but scholars seem to believe that \_\_\_\_\_ played a role. Give one example:
16. The causeway systems allowed for \_\_\_\_\_, movement, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the north. What was the name of the city located in the north where the Mayans wanted a second chance?  
Chichen Itza                      Palenque                      Tikal
17. How many days did the Maya estimate for their calendar?
18. What was the significance of the stairs and panels of the The Castle, in Chichen Itza?
19. What is the advantage of a column?
20. Where were the conquistadors from whom feuded with the Maya?

21. How did disease and Christianity affect the Maya?

22. How long did the Maya sustain a civilization in the forests?

23. True or False All Maya cities have been discovered.

24. In the rainforests between \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, there are literally hundreds and hundreds of Maya sites that are untouched.