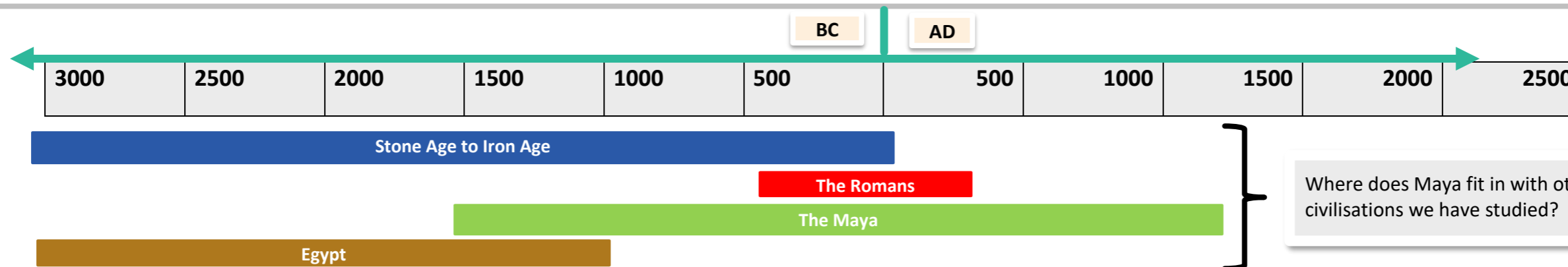


# The Maya Civilisation: Why should we remember the Maya?



Where does Maya fit in with other civilisations we have studied?

## 8 Key Takeaways

### Everyone Must Know:

1. The Maya lived in Meso-America (Central America) in the area called Mexico and Guatemala.
2. The Maya was a Stone Age culture as they didn't have metal.
3. The Maya formed a society of **city-states**.
4. We use the term Maya not Mayan. Mayan is only used to describe the language.

### Everyone Should Know:

5. The Maya made many **technological** advances and established a huge **trading** empire.
6. The Maya developed a writing system based on symbols called hieroglyphs.
7. The Maya built pyramids to worship their 300 gods and offer **sacrifices**.
8. There are many **theories** why the population of Maya cities disappeared around 900AD and what we know about the Maya comes from archaeological remains and the people living in the area today.

## 5 words to remember

- Theory:** An idea about why something happened
- Sacrifice:** To make an offering to a god
- City-state:** An independent self-governing state formed of a city and its surrounding area
- Technology:** Developing knowledge and tools to make people's lives easier
- Trade:** The buying and selling of things like food

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However they differ because.....

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Use an atlas to locate Meso-America on a map of the world.

The Maya built pyramids. Here is one at Tikal in Guatemala.



The Maya lived in an area covered by rainforest.

