

# The Maya: Death Empire

*Directions: Answer the following questions based on the documentary*

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1. What did their emperors fill their cities with?
2. How did they last?
3. What is going on in Guatemala in the 9<sup>th</sup> century?
4. Why did the cities disappear?
5. What do the hieroglyphics reveal about the Maya?
6. How did people feel about their rulers? The G-ds?
7. How were the Maya different from the Roman Empire?
8. What were their two main cities?
9. What was the most iconic structure of the Maya?
10. How were they able to build this structure?
11. Why did the temple face west?
12. What city becomes a powerhouse?
13. What were the holes in the floor for?
14. What is in the box?
15. Who was the tomb for? What's the big deal?
16. What material was on the tomb that kept looters out?
17. How old was the boy who eventually became king?
18. How was he able to prove his divinity?
19. What was innovative about the new Maya building (the Temple of the Inscription)?
20. How old was the ruler when he died?
21. Why were the Maya "ahead of their time"?
22. What is the golden mean?
23. What was the environment like in the city?
24. What was the challenge of the city?
25. How did they deal with this challenge?
26. Why did the cities unravel? What is the cause of Maya collapse? Where did the Maya go?
27. What did the causeways allow?
28. What were the Maya 'obsessed with'?
29. How did they come up with a 365 day calendar?
30. What was their 'new enemy'?
31. Name some important aspects of 'El Castillo'?
32. When did the Spanish reach the Yucatan Peninsula?
33. If the Maya were able to kill so many Conquistadors, how did so many Maya die?
34. Why did the Friars burn the codices?
35. What do you think is the mystique of the Maya?