

Reteaching Activity

Finding Main Ideas

Choose the word or words that most accurately complete each sentence below. Write that word or words in the spaces provided. Note that not all words will be used.

slaves	codex	ballgame
Pacal II	priests	corn
<i>Popol Vuh</i>	steles	ItzamNá
glyphs	Palenque	calendar
“People of the Maize”	food surplus	zero

1. Because the Maya produced a _____, some people were able to become skilled craftworkers rather than farmers.
2. The ruling class of Mayan society consisted of kings, who also performed the religious duties of _____.
3. Criminals and people captured in war usually became _____ in Mayan society.
4. The Maya called themselves _____ because _____ was their most important crop.
5. The main god of the Maya, _____, was believed to have created the world.
6. One of the greatest Mayan kings was _____ of _____, who gained the throne by declaring that he was the son of a goddess.
7. The _____ was one of the most important Mayan ceremonies.
8. Large stone monuments on which the Maya carved important dates and events are called _____.
9. The Mayan book, written in _____, that told the Mayan story of creation and other beliefs was the _____.
10. A _____ was a Mayan book written on bark paper.