

MAYA OR MYTH?

A True or False Quiz

The ancient Maya were expert mathematicians, scientists, and architects who believed in human sacrifice and sacred rituals. Take this True or False quiz to test your knowledge of the ancient Maya.

1. The Maya believed people were created from maize. **T | F**
2. People living in different Maya cities all spoke the same language. **T | F**
3. The Maya civilization extended from Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula to Panama. **T | F**
4. The Maya used wooden boards to elongate infants' heads. **T | F**
5. The Maya used looms to weave their own clothing. **T | F**
6. The Maya put gold fillings in their teeth. **T | F**
7. Cacao beans were used to make jewelry. **T | F**
8. The Maya believed the number 13 was very unlucky. **T | F**
9. The Maya sutured wounds with human hair. **T | F**
10. The first Maya settlements are about 1,000 years old. **T | F**
11. The Maya built stone columns called stelae to ward off evil spirits. **T | F**
12. In some parts of the Maya civilization, a sacred cenote was a sinkhole used for sacrifices. **T | F**
13. The Maya deposited the bones of hunted animals in sacred caves. **T | F**
14. The ancient Maya practiced bloodletting because they thought it cleansed their bodies. **T | F**
15. Players in the Maya ball game couldn't touch the ball with their hands or feet. **T | F**

