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## Internet Treasure Hunt for Grade 5 (Social Studies / Early Civilizations)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. They were an extremely advanced civilization with sophisticated farming methods, a very accurate calendar system and an ingenious alphabet. So what happened? Why were the Mayans nearly wiped off the face of the earth?
2. Click on the **Grade Five Door**. 
3. Click on **Social Studies**. 
4. Click on **Why Civilizations Fall**. 
5. Read the page then click on **Ready to get started?** 

6. Read the first paragraph. Name five things that the Mayans produced:

7. What is Copán?

What was it like?

What happened there?



8. To find out what happened to Copán, we have to do some "cyber-digging". Click on \_\_\_\_\_



9. Click on each topic, read, and add your notes to your journal. When you have completed all five topics and added notes to your journal,

**COME TO A CONCLUSION**



10. You're not done until you examine all the clues. Get going!

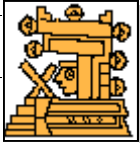
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## Internet Treasure Hunt for Grade ? (Subject / Strand)

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1. Return to *Grade 5 Social Studies* and click on **Mystery of the Maya**. ★ Mystery of the Maya

2. Approximately how many Mayans (descendents from the great civilization) are alive today?

3. Click on **Maya Civilization**. 


4. Fill in the blanks.

A. Where water was scarce Mayans built \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Mayans had a government system ruled by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Around A.D. 900, the Mayans \_\_\_\_\_ abandoned their cities.

D. The Mayan Dynasty came to a close by \_\_\_\_\_.



7. **What did their cities look like?** To get a better idea, let's look at some ruins of Mayan structures that have survived to this day. Many of these structures were swallowed up by the rain forest and have only recently been re-discovered. Click on ● Cities of the ancient Maya

8. Click on each of the eight aerial photos to get a better to look at these buildings. Keep in mind the Mayans had no construction equipment!



9. How do you think the Mayans managed to build these temples?

10. Click on ● Maya Society. Read about how Mayans farmed. Write a paragraph about the Mayan farming techniques and their daily lives using the following vocabulary.



gatherers	"slash and burn"	beans
cornfields	dried mud	squash
hunters	huts	tobacco
nomadic	maize	fallow