

Did the Spanish Conquest destroy Mayan Culture? – Photostory – Hippos Y5.

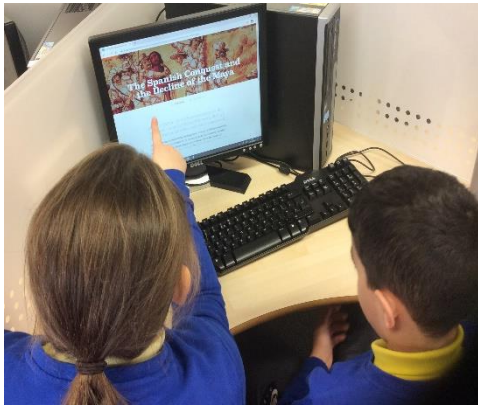
1. Before we began learning about the Mayans, the children were exposed to our enquiry based question and we began to unpick and discuss key vocabulary in the question and what it meant to the children. We then decided that culture means many different things such as religion, beliefs and ways of life and that destroy can have multiple meanings too.

2. After each topic lesson taught, we then went back to our question and held a discussion whether we had gathered any new information that could help us answer our question.



3. We used a lot of historical sources and artefacts in order to interpret and answer our question for example if the Spanish destroyed all Mayan culture how do we have evidence of Codices and Mayan writing and number.

4. The children then used computers to carry out their own research on Modern Mayan life and the Spanish conquest, in order to help them inform their own opinions and answers – they created their own fact sheets.



Did the Spanish conquest destroy Mayan culture?

Spanish Conquest.
Modern Mayan religion.
Modern Mayan life.
Modern Mayan population.
What happened to historical artefacts?
What Mayan inventions do we still use today?



5. The children then split into groups of four and held a discussion/ debate with their group. Each child picked a theme and expressed their own opinion on whether or not the Spanish destroyed Mayan culture.

6. After discussing and sharing their ideas and planning their presentation, the children then created their own slide to use in a group powerpoint presentation.

7. The children then presented their findings and opinions of the question to their class mates.