

Writings of the Ancient Maya

Final Assignment Instructions

In this lesson, you have learned about the writings of the ancient Maya, and what they tell us about this civilization. You will now write an essay that shares what you have learned and what you think about it. You will need a printout of your notes.

- **Choose** one of the topics below and **write** an essay.
- **Organize** your response so that it includes at least three supporting details that you have learned from the reading passage, video, and other materials in this lesson.
- **Use** at least three vocabulary words (or a form of the words) as part of your supporting details.

Essay Topics

1. Write a description of the ancient Mayan writing system. Be sure to include the following:
 - a. How did the Maya use symbols and pictures to make words?
 - b. What kinds of artifacts have been found with Mayan writing on them?
 - c. What did the Maya write about?
2. What have we learned about the accomplishments of the ancient Mayan civilization from their writings?

Vocabulary Words

almanac
ancient
artifact
astronomy
civilization
decipher
ruins