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Ancient Civilizations Quiz: The Maya

Directions: Use the answer bank below to select the best response. Write your answer on the blank.

1. The Mayan civilization developed on the _____ peninsula.
2. To grow crops in a jungle environment, the Maya used a farming technique known as _____.
3. The most important crop for the Maya was _____.
4. The Classic Age of the Maya lasted from around 250 CE until about _____.
5. The Maya were sometimes referred to as "The People of the _____."
6. Two theories about the decline of the Maya include uncontrolled _____ between city-states and _____.
7. Maya kings believed that their connection with the gods was maintained by ritual _____.
8. Around 50 BCE, the Mayans developed a system of _____.
9. _____ led rituals and performed sacrifices.
10. One of the negative side effects of the Mayan agricultural technique was _____.
11. The object of the Maya ball game was to put the ball through the hoop without using your _____. The game was called _____.
12. The Mayan calendar is sometimes referred to as the _____.

Answer Bank

famine	pok-a-tok	maize	hands or feet
slash & burn	writing	potato	900 CE
warfare	crop rotation	deforestation	Baja
priests	jaguar	elbow or knee	sacrifice
Yucatan	1500 CE	drought	Sacred Round

Extra Credit: What unusual weapon did the Maya sometimes use? _____

Extra Credit: Name TWO of the main Mayan cities: _____