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

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

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