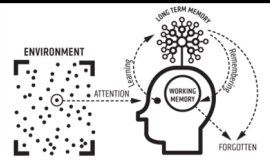




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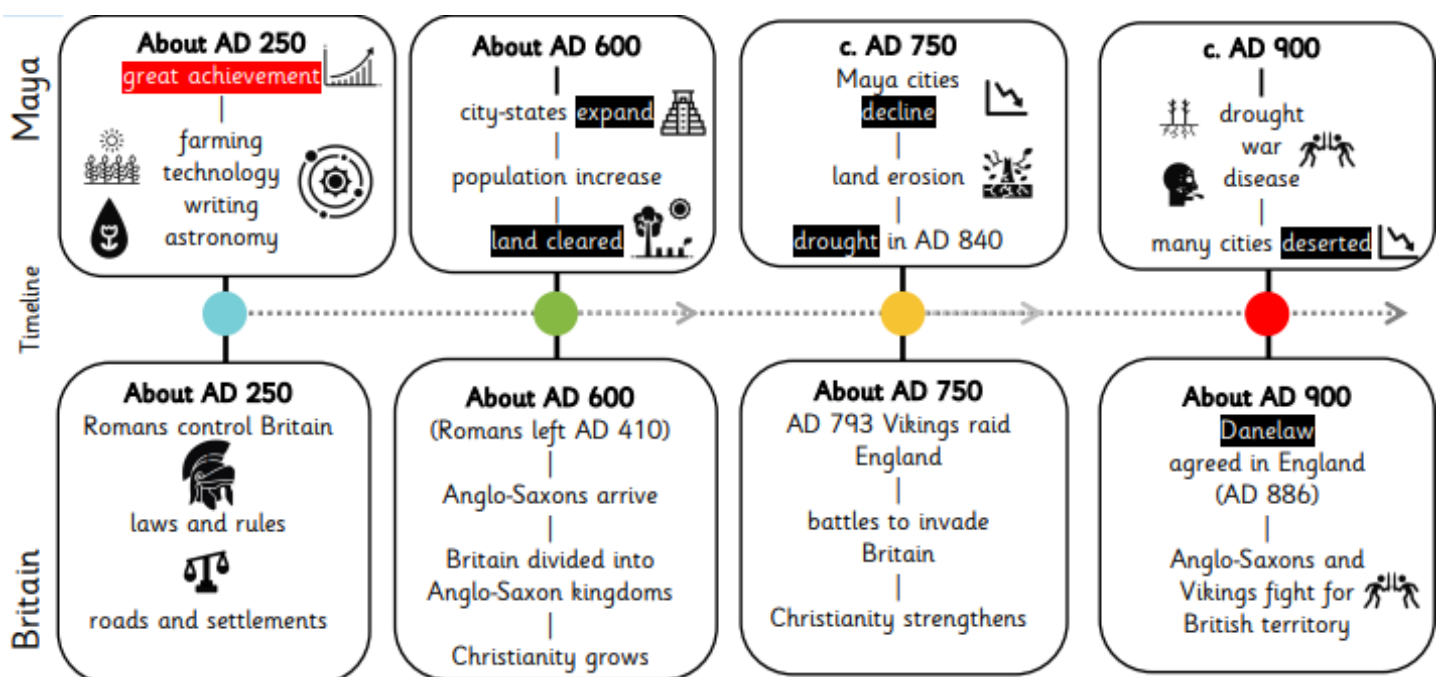
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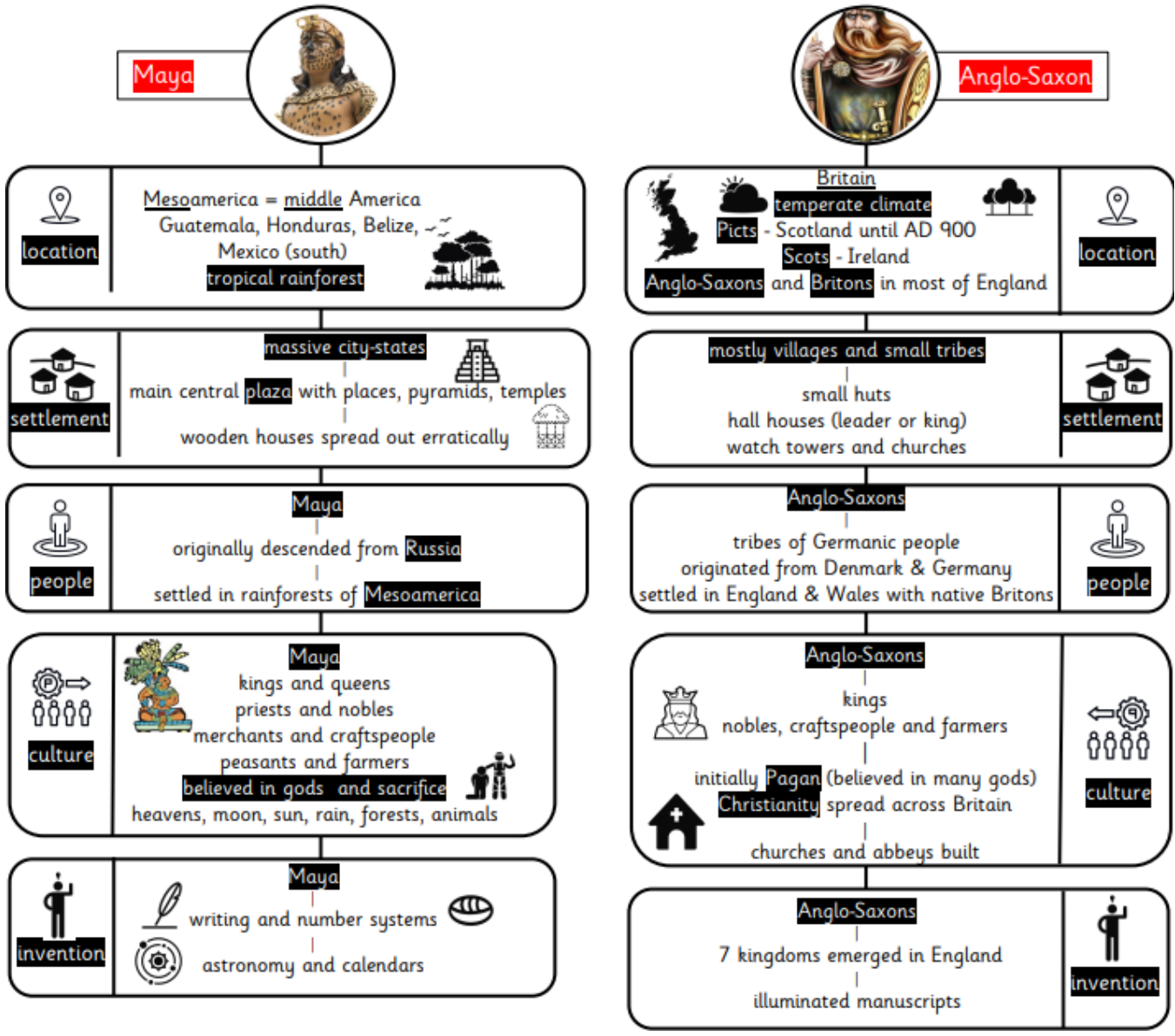
History Focus:

Maya civilisation comparison with the Anglo-Saxons

The key vocabulary taught during this half term of History sessions will appear in **bold**. Frequent revisiting of this knowledge will aid fluency in History.


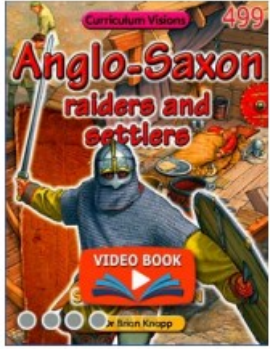


| Misconceptions | Truth |
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| The ancient Egyptians influenced the Maya pyramids. | The ancient Egyptians built their pyramids about 2000 years earlier than the Maya. They were structurally different and served a range of purposes, mainly as funerary monuments and housing dead leaders. The Maya pyramids were mainly used for presenting ceremonies. |
| The Maya civilisation was wiped out and completely disappeared. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Maya civilisation certainly diminished. Historians think the decline started as a result of deforestation, wars and a severe drought. Maya people still live and go about their daily lives, just like we do. |
| 'Mayan' is the correct way to describe the Mayan civilisation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The adjective 'Mayan' should only be used when referencing the language, according to Dr Davies, a specialist who studies the ancient Maya. For example, Mayan language or Mayan words. The rest of the time Maya is used, for example Maya people. |



Books linked to the 'Anglo Saxons and the Mayas'



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|  |  |  | <p><i>Websites to read around this unit!</i></p> <p>www.history.com/ topics/ancient- americas/maya</p> <p>www.mayas.mrdonn.org</p> |
| <p><i>Exploring the Maya Empire</i></p> | <p><i>Anglo Saxons: Raiders and Settlers</i></p> | <p><i>Exploring Anglo-Saxon Times</i></p> | |