

Mystery of the Maya

Activity Sheet 1

1. Review the vocabulary at the beginning of the book. Choose the best word to complete the sentences.

1. The stone _____ was very valuable to the Maya and they made necklaces out of it.

- a. pyramid b. potion c. jade

2. The police were looking for the members of a _____ group.

- a. terrorist b. priest c. jaguar

3. The _____ attacked the people in the village, using a spear.

- a. trader b. warrior c. priest

4. The Mayan priest made an animal _____ on the altar.

- a. blood b. jaguar c. sacrifice

5. The _____ had to work hard for no money, so he wanted to escape.

- a. slave b. captain c. warrior

6. The jaguar lives in the _____ because it likes to live where there is a lot of rain and there are many trees.

- a. beach b. temple c. jungle

7. We took a boat to the _____ because there was no bridge.

- a. island b. pyramid c. altar

8. The priests entered the pyramid through a _____ tunnel.

- a. secret b. temple c. war

9. We don't know everything about how the Maya lived. Some things are still a _____.

- a. potion b. blood c. mystery

10. The Maya and Toltecs were fighting each other in a _____.

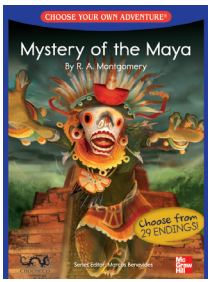
- a. warrior b. war c. spear



2. Circle the word in each line that does not belong.

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| 1. slave | captain | jaguar | trader |
| 2. jade | war | spear | warrior |
| 3. priest | jungle | temple | altar |
| 4. beach | island | jungle | potion |
| 5. terrorist | warrior | pyramid | priest |





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Activity Sheet 2

1. Read the four adventures and answer the questions.

A Pages 1-2-4-5-6-7-8-11-12-21-15-16-20

1. Why did Amanda go back in time 800 years?

2. What does Zama tell you about Manuel?

B Pages 1-2-4-5-28-32-44-52

1. Why did the Mexican soldiers capture you?

2. Why did the captain let you go?

C Pages 1-2-4-5-6-7-8-9-11-12-21-14-37-49-55-63

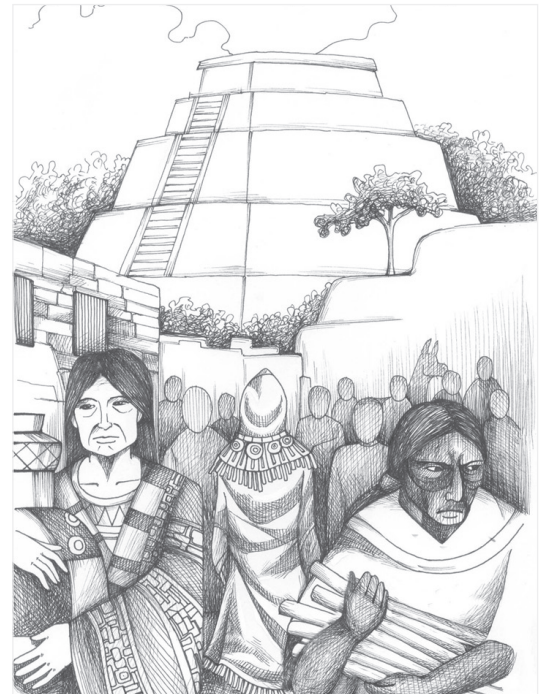
1. What was your plan to end the sacrifices in Uxmal?

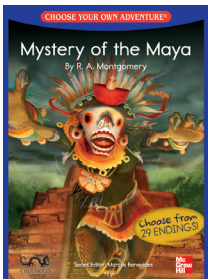
2. Why were the Mayan temples dark at the end of this adventure?

D Pages 1-2-4-5-28-31-45-50

1. What did Manuel think about the note with the red handprint?

2. Why does Amanda want you to join the Red Hand with her?





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Activity Sheet 3

1. Read the events. Then read the two adventures below and put the story in order. (Some events will happen in both stories.)

1. You meet Manuel. He takes you to meet Dr. Lopez. Dr. Lopez tells you that Amanda went back in time 800 years to learn more about the Maya.
2. You choose to be in the attack group.
3. The game is exciting and ends with a tie. The priest says a slave will be sacrificed instead of a player.
4. Your attack on Ixtal is a success.
5. You join the warriors.
6. The slave to be sacrificed is Amanda.
7. You choose to be in the defense group.
8. Amanda disappears. You go to Mexico to find her.
9. You find out that Amanda was staying in Ixtal.
10. You play the ball game. If your team loses, the whole team will be sacrificed.
11. You drink the potion. You and Manuel go back in time 1,500 years.



A. Read adventure 1-2-4-5-6-7-8-9-11-12-26-30-43.

Number the events in order.

_____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

B. Read adventure 1-2-4-5-6-7-8-9-11-12-26-29-38.

Number the events in order.

_____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

2. SPEAKING

Which ending did you like better, the ending in adventure A or adventure B? Why did you prefer this ending?

Did you make the right choices on your adventure?

Discuss with a partner.

