

## Geography home learning 20/03/20 - Year 3/4

This week, we would love it if you could research and learn about Central America, this is where the Mayans lived.

We have split the ideas into five different lessons, but we appreciate that five sessions may not be possible in all households. This is a guide only! Thank you so much for supporting your child with their home learning. We hope they enjoy this home project.

**Lesson 1** – Do you know where the Mayans lived? They lived in a continent of North America that is often referred to as Central America (or Mesoamerica).

What can you find out about Central America?

Use <https://www.alarms.org/kidrex/> for safe internet searches. Think about:

- Where did the Mayans live?
- What countries are part of Central America?
- What is the population of these countries?
- What landmarks are in these countries?
- Would you want to live there? Why/Why not?
- What animals are found there?
- How has these countries changed since the Mayan's lived there?

**Challenge:** draw and label picture of Central America, what are the capital cities of each of the countries?

**Lesson 2-** Research and find out information about the **climate** of Central America, comparing it to the climate in the UK.

Use <https://www.alarms.org/kidrex/> for safe internet searches. Think about:

- What is climate?
- What is the climate like in Central America?
- What is the climate like in the UK?
- Compare them both
- Does it rain more in Central America or the UK?

**Challenge:** Split your page in half, on one half write all about Central American climate and on the other side about the UK.

**Lesson 3-** Today you will be researching the **human** and **physical** geography of Central America (or a specific country!).

Split your page in half and find as much information you can on both!

(Remember, human geography is features that humans have made such as *human-made landmarks*. Physical geography is natural features such as *rivers*!)

Use <https://www.alarms.org/kidrex/> for safe internet searches.

**Challenge:** *draw and label some of those features.*

**Lesson 4-** Look at the resources for the Mayan hieroglyphics.

Write a secret message using this!

**Challenge:** *Give it to someone to work out!* 😊

**Lesson 5 –** Using the research and your knowledge from the previous sessions, produce a **poster** persuading people to go to Central America. Think about:

- The climate
- The features of physical and human geography
- Your own personal opinion!!

Make sure it is informative and interesting for your reader! We would love you to take a photo and send it to your teacher when you have finished 😊

## **Resources**

Useful websites:

BBC Bitesize

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Central-America/352936>

<https://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-central-america/>

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/weather-climate-seasons-in-central-america-4171487>





Mayan region

The Maya lived in the continent of North America in an area that is often referred to as Central America.

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