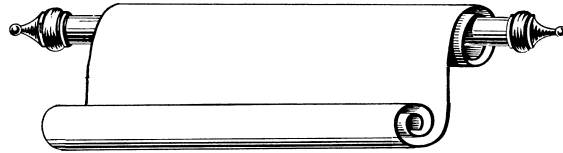


Document-based Question



Essential Question: *In some ways the Mayan people were very advanced. In other ways they seemed to be very primitive. Were the Mayans an advanced and civilized society?*

Documents

Primary Source: View of Writing p. 388, Palenque p. 392-393, A Maya King and His Court p. 396-397, Maya Astronomy and Calendars p. 398, A Maya Carving p. 399

1. **Read** the essential question above and determine what is being asked.
2. **Create a chart** like the one below to show information that you already know



3. Read and review the first document together. **Highlight**, circle or underline any evidence that may help you answer the essential question.
4. Neatly **Write an analysis** of the first document which includes:
 - a. a citation of the source (where did it come from?)
 - b. a summary of the source (what are the main points?)
 - c. the source of the source (who wrote it? Primary or secondary?)
 - d. an evaluation of the reliability of the source (is it believable? Is there bias?)
 - e. an explanation of what position it supports.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the remaining documents.
6. Cut out each source and analysis and attach it to a large poster paper.
7. Based on the evidence write your group's answer the essential question in a complete paragraph. Cite at least three pieces of evidence from your document analysis in your paragraph.