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Maya Culture –

South Central Mexico and Central America (current Honduras, Guatemala, San Salvador)

The Center of the Mayan Culture – Yucatan Peninsula

“Culture” – similar in:

Language

Art and Architecture

Customs and Beliefs

Social Organization – family, government

Technologies and Agriculture

(Interconnected traits of culture)

Mayan Civilization

Define “Civilization” –

1. culture that rises to the top of other cultures
2. has superior cultural elements – technology, religion, social org., economic
3. lasts for a long period of time (200 – 500 years on average)
4. Civilization top culture combines elements of the other cultures (Think about food in California)

Mayan –

Features:

1. Large Cities – step pyramids
2. Astronomy
3. Math – invented “zero”
4. Adv. Agriculture – corn, squash, chocolate
5. Influenced most of Mexico and Central America