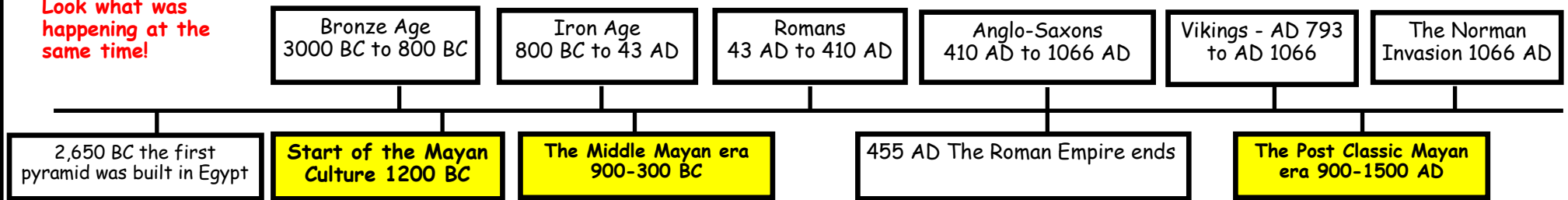


Year 5: Who was making history in faraway places in the year 1000?

Look what was happening at the same time!



Knowledge

The Mayan civilisation was around for many hundreds of years and reached its height at around 900 - 1000 AD.

The Mayans lived in cities with advanced architecture including plazas, palaces, temples and pyramids. They also developed advanced farming methods, including irrigation and terracing.

The Mayans were ruled by a king and worshiped many different gods; most of the gods were linked to nature.

The Mayans had their own system of writing called hieroglyphs and wrote books on paper made from the bark of trees. They were also very good at mathematics and studied the night sky.

The Mayans were often at war with themselves, with city fighting city. This was one of the reasons for the downfall of the civilisation.

Other reasons for the downfall of the Mayan civilisation include overpopulation and deforestation, which caused climate change.

The Mayans were very advanced compared to people living in Britain at the same time and can be compared to the ancient Egyptians and ancient Greeks in terms of their technology, buildings and beliefs.



A Mayan pyramid.

Vocabulary

archaeology	The study of things that people made, used and left behind.
artefact	An object made by a human in the past.
cause/consequence	Something which causes something else to happen/something that happens because of something else.
change and continuity	Things that change and things that stay the same.
chronology	The study of events in time.
comparison	To compare two or more things to see their similarities and differences.
contemporaneous	Something that happens at the same time as something else.
duration	The length of time something takes.
interpretation	An adaptation or version of events or story.
Mayan/Maya	The name of the civilisation we are leaning about.
primary source	Images, documents or artefacts used as evidence from a specific time period.
similarity/difference	Things that are the same/things that are different.
supported inference	Using evidence to support your informed ideas.



The Mayan calendar.

CRC Article 17:

All children have the right to find out information.

