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Ancient Maya: DAILY LIFE

IDENTIFY: Use the word bank to identify each description.

priests	farmer	nature	jade
blood	corn	codex	calendars

	1. Folding book that recorded the history, religion, and culture of the Maya.
	2. Most commoners had this job
	3. The most important offering given to gods
	4. Stone often used in Maya jewelry
	5. The Maya used a few complex ones to keep track of time
	6. Decided when farmers would plant and harvest
	7. The Maya depended on this crop
	8. The Maya believed the gods controlled this

SHORT ANSWER: Answer the question.

9. Name a fact about the Maya that surprised you.



MULTIPLE CHOICE: Choose the best answer.

10. Which of the following was NOT a role that priests had?
 - A. Teach noble children.
 - B. Decide when farmers would plant and harvest their crops.
 - C. Track astronomical movements.
 - D. Rule the Maya people.
11. What was the main reason the Maya sacrificed humans?
 - A. To keep the gods happy.
 - B. To get rid of their enemies.
 - C. To punish criminals.
 - D. To reduce the population.
12. Which is true about the Maya calendars?
 - A. The tzolk'in calendar lasted thousands of years.
 - B. The calendars only marked religious events.
 - C. They were complex and tracked farming, religion, and other events.
 - D. There was only one Maya calendar used.
13. Which is true about Maya communication?
 - A. All Maya spoke the same exact language.
 - B. The Maya did not have a written language.
 - C. Mayan languages are no longer spoken today.
 - D. Maya hieroglyphics stood for a sound.
14. How did the author mostly organize the passage?
 - A. She compared and contrasted the Maya with the Aztec.
 - B. She described different characteristics of Maya daily life.
 - C. She described problems the Maya had and told how they solved them.
 - D. She described the main events in the history of the Maya civilization.
15. What was the author's main purpose in writing this passage?
 - A. To persuade the reader to learn more about the Maya.
 - B. To inform the reader about the daily life of Maya.
 - C. To explain how the Maya treated their kings.
 - D. To entertain the reader with an interesting story about the Maya.

