



The Art of the Mayans

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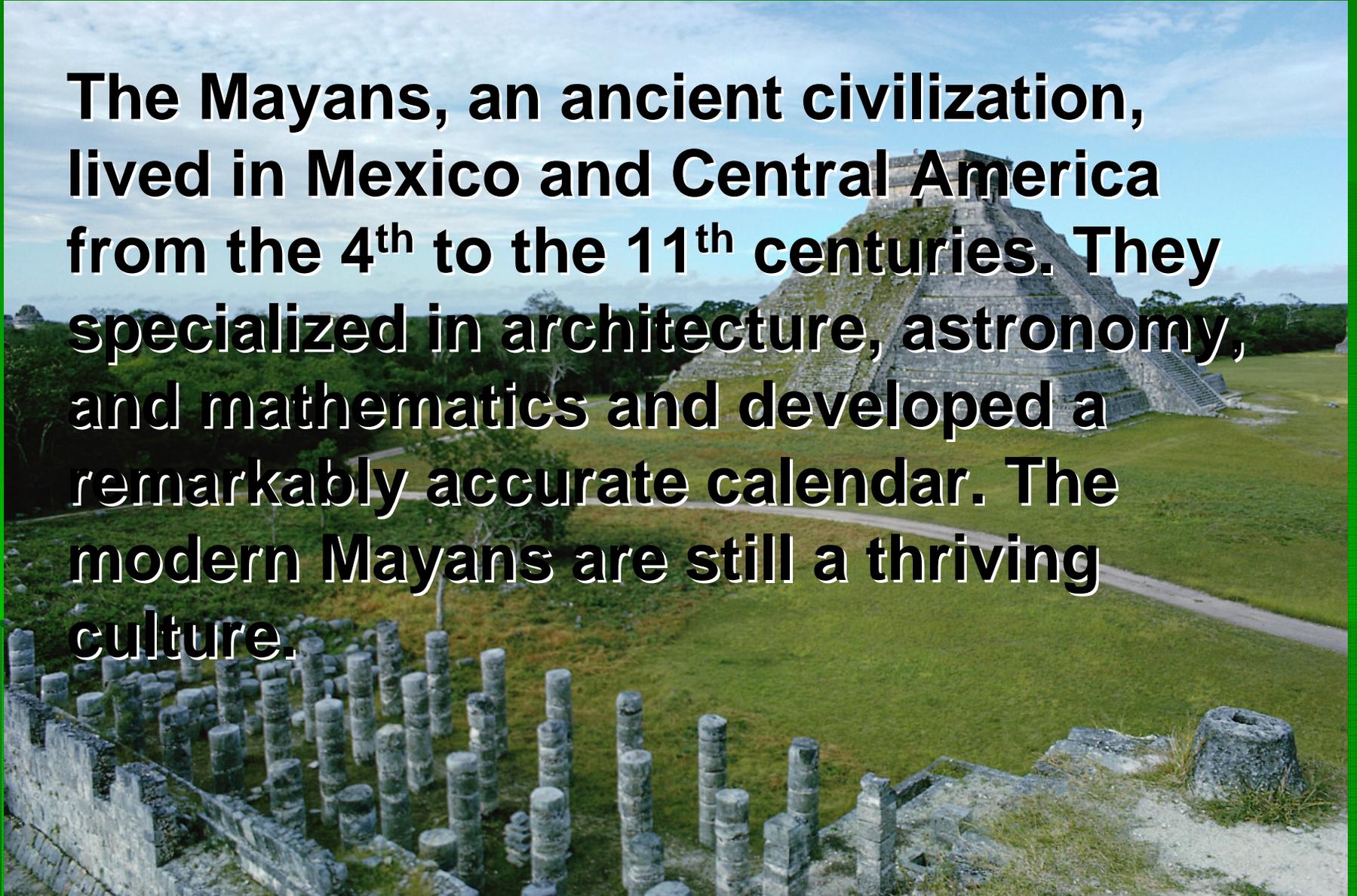
Art is an effort to create,
beside the real world, a
more human world.

André Maurois



To promote understanding among nations, a display of fabric art will be created to hang in the Hall of Nations at the upcoming World's Fair.

The Mayans, an ancient civilization, lived in Mexico and Central America from the 4th to the 11th centuries. They specialized in architecture, astronomy, and mathematics and developed a remarkably accurate calendar. The modern Mayans are still a thriving culture.



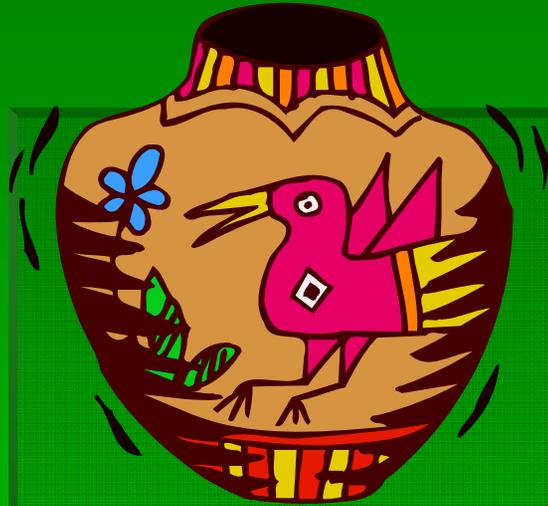
Jade was very important to ancient Mayans. Its green color symbolized fertility.

Jade beads were often put into the mouths of the dead to make sure they survived spiritually.



The jaguar was an important symbol for Mayan kings. The Jaguar God lived in the Underworld and returned each day with the sun.





Animals like foxes, owls, jaguars, fish, birds, hummingbirds, deer, rabbit, and duck were an important part of Mayan life, and their images were often found on pottery and in sculpture.

A scarf that reflects the beliefs and experiences of this culture will help others to understand the ancient and modern people that are the Mayans.



The art of a people is a true
mirror of their minds.

Jawaharlal Nehru

Resources

Mayan Art

<http://mexico.udg.mx/historia/precolombinas/ingles/maya/mayaarte.html>

Mayan Art

www.dosmanos.com/learning_Mayan.html

Mayan Arts and Crafts

www.travelyucatan.com/mayan_arts_crafts.php

People of the Jaguar

www.civilization.ca/civil/maya/mmj01eng.html

Pre-Colombian Art

www.tiscali.co.uk/reference/encyclopaedia/hutchinson/m0039820.html