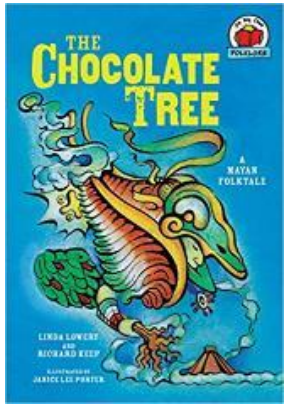
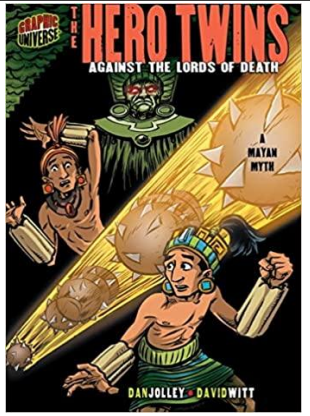
Who were the Ancient Maya and how do they compare to other civilisations?

Subject Specific Vocabulary

hieroglyphs	Symbols used in the Mayan writing system. Each symbol represents a word or sound.
City state	A city and the area around it with an independent government.
Chichen Itza	The Maya's most well-known pyramid.
cacao	Seeds that the Maya used to make chocolate.
Civilization	A people with an organised way of life and who have learned to write.
Kin	Word representing a day in the Maya calendar.
Uinal	Word for a month in the Maya calendar. It was 20 days long.
codex/ Codices (plural)	Book or books created by the Maya. They were made of soft bark and folded like a fan.
legacy	Something that happens or exists as a result of things that happened at an earlier time.
Peninsular	an area of land that projects out into a body of water.

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Sticky Knowledge

To know that the Maya lived from 2,000 BC to 1697 AD in Mexico and Central America.

Maya society was formed of a number of city states each with their own ruler.

The Maya's main produce from farming was corn (maize) and cacao.

The three main reasons for the collapse of the Ancient Maya society are drought, conflict, lack of food supply/deforestation

Chichen Itza



