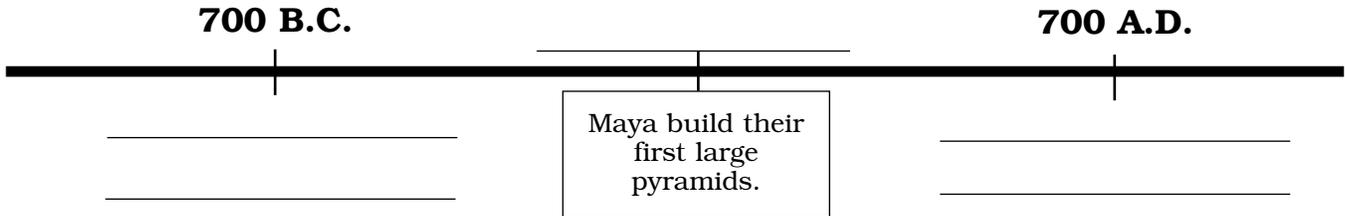


# Olmec and Maya Civilizations

## ► Time and Change

1. Turn to pages 70–71 of the Atlas. Use the timeline at the top of the page to find dates that relate to structures built by Native American cultures. Fill in the missing dates and events on the timeline below.



## ► Gathering the Facts

2. Read the introduction. Use the information to complete the sentences below.
  - a. The Olmec and Maya developed in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The Olmec civilization started along the coast of the Gulf of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. The Olmec influenced the culture of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. The Maya recorded important events using \_\_\_\_\_.

## ★ Thinking About History

3. Look at picture A and read its caption. Use the information to answer the following questions.
  - a. Where were these carvings used? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Who do you think the sculpture depicts? Explain your answer.  
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## ► History Through Maps

4. Use map B, “Olmec Civilization,” to complete the following sentences.
  - a. Three permanent Olmec settlements were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The Olmec traded with the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ civilizations.

★ **Links Far and Near**

5. Look at chart C, “Maya Contributions.” Then look at picture D and read its caption. Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. Which of the Maya contributions does picture D show? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What were Maya pyramids built for? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Look at picture B on page 16. How is the Maya pyramid similar to the Egyptian pyramid? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Compare the pictures again. How is the Maya pyramid different from the Egyptian pyramid?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- e. How are the landscapes of these pictures different?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**People and Their Environments**

6. Use map B, “Olmec Civilization,” and map E, “Height of Maya Civilization,” to complete the following paragraph.

Maya civilization began in the highlands of Middle America around \_\_\_\_\_ . By 250 A.D. the Maya had expanded to the lowlands, all the way to the northern coast of the \_\_\_\_\_ Peninsula. Maya territory stretched from the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean in the south to the Gulf of \_\_\_\_\_ in the north. The Maya built many cities, the largest of which was \_\_\_\_\_. This city was also a \_\_\_\_\_ center. The people of the city of \_\_\_\_\_ in the far north traded by sea and land routes with Teotihuacan. Three other Maya cities were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Maya cities were the sites of large pyramids and stone monuments called \_\_\_\_\_ on which important events were recorded.