



Chestnut and Holly Home Learning Pack



Chichen Itza

L1: To conduct research into Chichen Itza

Watch the video on the link below and/or use the information sheet in this pack to find the following information out about Chichen Itza. Record your findings in note form on the worksheet provided.

Use this video to help with your research.

[Chichen Itza in Mexico for kids | Seven wonders for kids| history & facts - YouTube](#)

[Ancient Maya 101 | National Geographic - YouTube](#)

You might also want to find out about the Mayans, here is a link to help you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTCSTUjRTMA>

Chichen Itza

Chichen Itza is a large Mayan city famous for a large, pyramid temple built by the ancient Mayan civilisation. It was built in approximately 400 AD which makes it over 1,500 years old. Chichen Itza is in the Yucatan Peninsula, a peninsula in North America.



El Castillo

El Castillo is the largest pyramid at Chichen Itza and is dedicated to Kukulcan, the Plumed Serpent. It is approximately 1km in diameter. Archaeologists believe that it was once painted in bright colours although today, the remains of the temple are a pale grey, the colour of the original stone. Did you know that until recently tourists were able to climb the steps of the temple?



The Great Ball Court

The Great Ball Court measures 70 metres wide and 170 metres long. The captain of the team who lost the game would have their head chopped off as a form of sacrifice to the Mayan Gods. Some archaeologists also believe that the human heads were used as a ball in the games. Isn't that disgusting!



The Sacred Cenote

A cenote is a natural pool of water. This sacred cenote (otherwise known as the 'Well of Sacrifice') is one of the most well known cenotes in the world. Mayans believed that the rain God, Chaak, lived in caves and cenotes and those considered royalty would give gifts to him. This included sacrificing people and putting their bodies into the cenote. The cenote can be accessed via a corridor leading from the Great Plaza.





L.I: To conduct research into Chichen Itza



Name of wonder	
Date built	
Country	
What is it built from?	
Size	
Why was it built?	
Other interesting facts	



L.I: To write up, in neat, facts about Chichen Itza



Key Words

Maya Mayans El Castillo cenote sacred Mexico ancient



L.I: To plot the '7 Wonders of the New World' on a map



This will appear in every pack but you only need to complete one map.

For every wonder that you research and you write about, plot where they are on the world map. Don't forget to label them!

You can include this in your non-fiction book.

