

Maya Art - answers

1) What were the two main subjects of Maya art?

Religion (gods and ceremonies) and the king

2) What art forms were practiced by the Maya?

Sculpture, carving, painting, pottery

3) What can archaeologists learn from Maya art?

What day to day life was like and what was important to the Maya people.

4) Why do you think not many wood carvings have survived?

Unlike stone, wood is susceptible to fire, damp and rot.

5) What are codices?

Books made from long folded sheets of paper.

6) What was the significance of the quetzal?

It was a highly sought after bird because it had very colourful feathers prized for their use in headdresses.