

The background of the image is a close-up photograph of an ancient stone tablet covered in cuneiform script. The characters are arranged in horizontal lines and are deeply etched into the light-colored, textured stone. The lighting creates shadows that emphasize the three-dimensional quality of the inscriptions.

How to Message Mummies, Mesopotamians and Mythological Mexicans

This week's Super Curriculum theme is designed to get you thinking about the history of language and some of the most awe inspiring ancient languages in human history.



Ancient Greek

Latin

**SOME OF THE AMAZING
HISTORICAL LANGUAGES
CONSIST OF:**

Tamil

**Egyptian
Hieroglyphics**

BUT WE ARE
GOING TO
TAKE A LOOK
AT THE
INCREDIBLE
LANGUAGE
OF THE
AZTECS –
MAYAN



WHAT LANGUAGE IS MAYAN?

- Mayan is an ancient language and one of the earliest forms of writing, invented by the Maya Civilization of Mexico and Central South America.
- What we would like you to do is to do a research into this fascinating language and create a piece of research, including your own message in Mayan.



Here are some YouTube links on how to write MAYAN:

<https://youtu.be/630e2bFLbfY>

https://youtu.be/G3vW-06_R7o

https://youtu.be/Ybvb7oy_WV0

<https://youtu.be/dqzScCfV274>

Here are some research links to webpages on Mayan to help get you started.

<https://mayaarchaeologist.co.uk/2016/12/28/maya-writing-system/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maya_script

<https://www.ancient.eu/article/655/maya-writing/>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Mayan-hieroglyphic-writing>

<http://www.famsi.org/research/pitts/MayaGlyphsBookI Sect I.pdf>



**COMPETITION
TIME!**

**Prize available for 1st
place!**

**Honourable mentions for
2nd and 3rd place**



How to Message Mummies, Mesopotamians and Mythological Mexicans

I would like to see if we have any budding Philologists (someone who studies language in spoken and historical sources) amongst us.

Please research the Mayan language and write a piece about the language in English, writing your own message in Mayan.
Please include a translation of your message in English.

You could write your message about:

Give an account of your family, who is who?

A day in the life of

Describe a gathering of some sort.

Describe an area.

Create an interview

Or anything else which inspires you!

THE GORDON'S GUIDE TO HOW TO MESSAGE MUMMIES, MESOPOTAMIANS AND MYTHOLOGICAL MEXICANS

- Use your newly acquired knowledge to create a message, you can do it creatively on a 'stone tablet' or similar effect, or simply on a piece of paper.
- Submit your research and message, or a photo of your message.
- **Email: Competitions@gordons.school**
- **When you email, please use the subject heading 'KS5 Week 3 – Messaging Mayans'**
- Closing date: 18th May 2020
- Winners will be announced via weekly Schoolcomms

