

# Mayans, Incas and Aztecs : A History of Chocolate

## Key People:

Hernán Cortés

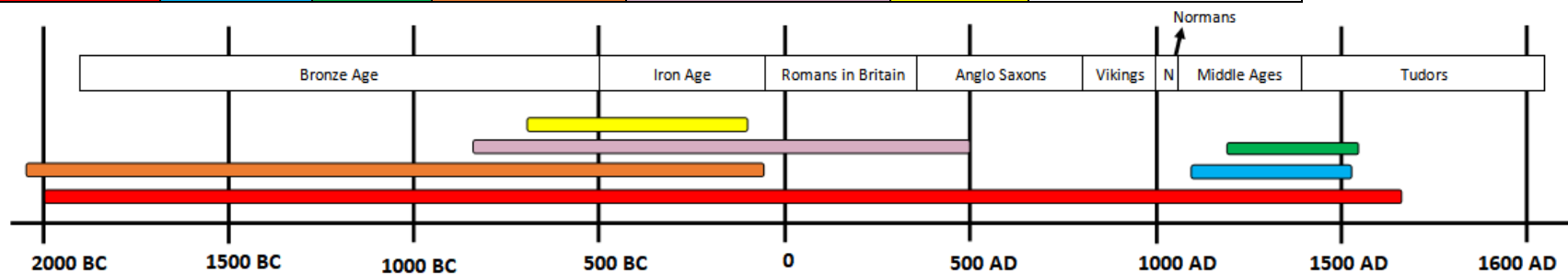


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## Timeline

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## Key Questions and Facts

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| Who were the Mayans?                            | People from an area in Central America in 2000BC (also known as the Maya)   |
| Who were the Aztecs?                            | People from an area of (now) Mexico in 1100AD   |
| Who were the Incas?                             | People from an area of (now) Peru in 1428AD   |
| How did the Mayans use the cocoa beans?         | The Mayans used cocoa beans which were grinded into a powder and then mixed with water to form a liquid drink.  |
| How did the Aztecs change the chocolate legacy? | The Aztecs loved the liquid chocolate and also used cocoa beans as money when trading with others.  |
| Who introduced chocolate to Europe?             | Explorer Hernán Cortés found those in Central America using the cocoa bean for liquid chocolate and brought this back to his homeland, Spain. It then spread across Europe. |



## Key Vocabulary

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| Empire  | A large group of areas/states/countries ruled over by a single leader                                      |
| BC      | "Before Christ" - BC is used to refer to the time before Christ was born.                                  |
| AD      | "Anno Domini"- Latin for 'in the year of the Lord.' AC is used to refer to the time after Christ was born. |
| Era     | A distinctive, dated time in history e.g. the Tudor era.   |
| Climate | Temperature and weather over a long period of time.  |
| Trade   | Swapping objects for money or other goods.   |

## Map of where the Mayans, Aztecs and Incas settled



## Links to Prior Learning

We will be comparing the chronology of the Mayans, Aztecs and Incas to previous learnt areas: Greeks, Egyptians, Romans as well as British History. We will be comparing landscapes (volcanoes, rivers etc) and climates to locations previously learnt (eg. Jamaica). This topic is based on the development of chocolate and therefore clear links back to the Bean-to-Bar topic will be made as well as fair trade.