



7th Grade World History

Lesson 12: April 7, 2020

Essential Question: What technological advancement was a lasting legacy that the Ancient Mayan Civilization left behind?

Warm Up Activity



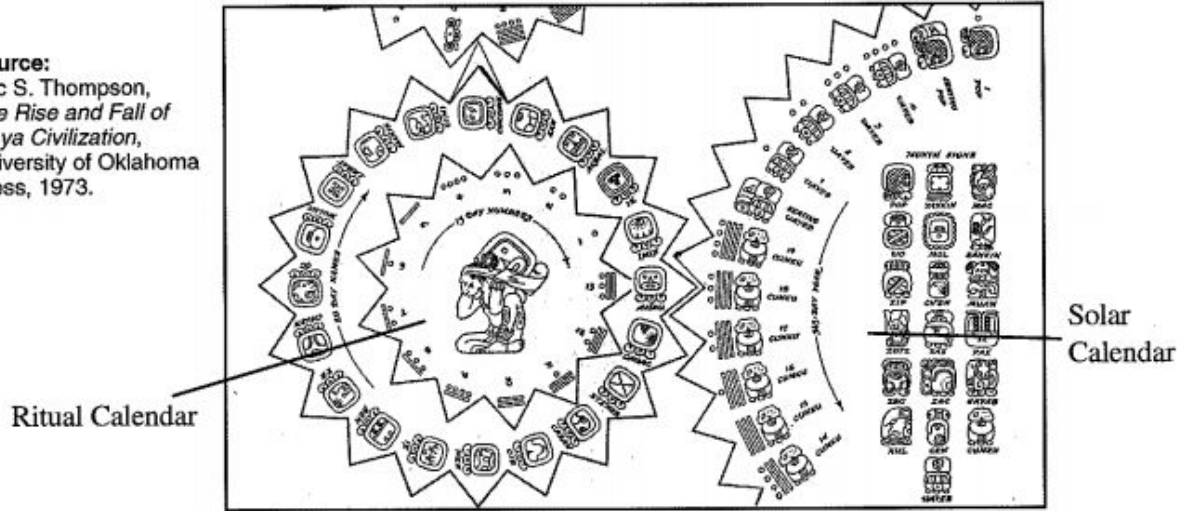
A **calendar** is a way to chronologically organize the days, weeks, months, and years

In your head, brainstorm:

- What the significance of a calendar is?
- How do we use a calendar on a day to day basis in our own life?
- How would your life be different if a calendar was never invented?

Warm Up Activity: I wonder...

Source:
Eric S. Thompson,
*The Rise and Fall of
Maya Civilization*,
University of Oklahoma
Press, 1973.



Note: In addition to their ritual and solar calendars, the Maya kept a long count cycle that began in 3114 BCE and was scheduled to end 5,200 years later on December 21, 2012.

Based on the ideas that you brainstormed about calendars from the previous slide, write down **3 things you “wonder”** about this Mayan Calendar on a blank piece of paper.

Lesson



Today, we are going to look at the legacy the Ancient Mayans left behind. We are going to do this by exploring a technological advancement that the Mayans created, the calendar.

Read the following article about the Mayan calendar. As you read, on the same piece of paper you used for your warm up, answer the following questions:

1. Which calendar would have been most useful in predicting the beginning of rainy seasons? Why?
2. What was remarkable about the development of the calendar by the Mayans?

[Reading Article Link](#)

Practice



Using the information from the article and the questions that you answered about the Mayan calendar, infer what life would be like *today*, if we did not know what day, week, month, or year it was.

Using the same piece of paper, write a short paragraph explaining how life would be different if we did not have any calendars. Infer your answer using evidence from the article.

Calendar Examples

