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Civilisation

1 Read and match.

Match the names of the civilisations with pictures 1-6 below.
Listen and check your answers.

Mayan	Majan
Egyptian	Roman
Greek	Sumerian



2 Read and discuss.

- 1 Read the facts below about the civilisations from Activity 1.
Which civilisation do you think each fact describes?

Ancient Civilisation Facts

1 This **civilisation** conquered many lands and at its largest, **citizens** of the empire accounted for 12% of the total world population.

2 This **ancient** kingdom was an important source of copper and famous for building ships.

3 This ancient civilisation was responsible for many important inventions. Art and **culture** also thrived during this time.

4 This civilisation gave great importance to knowledge and was not limited to one **united** country with one king or **leader**.

5 **Archaeologists** do not know for certain why this civilisation in Central America collapsed.

6 This was one of the greatest and most powerful civilisations in the history of the world. Many treasures were **discovered** in the pyramids that were built during this time.

- 2 Look at the vocabulary in **bold** in each sentence.
Explain the meaning of any words you know to a partner.

3 Discuss.

Discuss the questions below with a partner.

What else do you know about these ancient civilisations?
Why is it important to study ancient civilisations?