

Mayan Family Life

Fill-in-the-blank

Mayan peasants lived in _____ huts. These huts were made with interwoven poles covered with _____. Several family houses were often grouped around a _____. There was a house containing a _____ that was often placed behind the main house.

Women Duties:

Before dawn, cleaned boiled _____ with her daughters. They pounded the corn into meal using a grinding stone to create _____ or _____.

During the day they cared for small children and the family's few animals (_____ and _____). They also _____ their homes and gathered, spun, and wove _____ into cloth.

Men Duties:

The men _____ before dawn. During the day they worked in the _____. The men also _____ and trapped animals, and constructed large buildings (_____ and _____).

Special Occasions - Birth of a Child:

_____: A set of actions that is always performed the same way as part of a religious ceremony.

Girls: At 3 months received tools for _____ and _____, carrying water and cooking, and soaking and grinding _____.

Boys: At 4 months received tools for farming like **axes** and planting sticks, spears, **knives**, and traps of a hunter

Special Occasions – Coming-of-Age Ceremony:

Girls: Age _____ Boys: Age _____

These ceremonies were _____ and consisted of confessions, cleansing with _____ and reciting the rules of _____. Boys wore white _____ in their hair and girls wore a string of red _____ from her waist.

Marriage Customs:

Men: Age _____ Girls: Age _____

Marriages were negotiated by the village _____, or matchmaker. Families had to agree on _____, _____, and number of years a young man would work for the new wife's family. _____ were built behind the home of the bride's parents. The _____ would bless the marriage.