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Secret of the Scarlet Hand Overview



Expose Buried Secrets and Catch a Thief Red-handed!

Between cases, Nancy Drew has taken an internship as Deputy Curator at the Beech Hill Museum in Washington, D.C. Nancy soon discovers she will be doing more than learning about ancient Maya artifacts – there have been a series of thefts and the only clue left behind is a mysterious scarlet handprint! Will Nancy be able to put the pieces of this ancient puzzle together? Or will the mystery remain entombed forever in Nancy Drew: Secret of the Scarlet Hand?

Overview for Nancy Drew Games: Learn & Play

Secret of the Scarlet Hand is a fictional game that offers engaging gameplay and learning while solving a Nancy Drew mystery. The story involves a new exhibit being installed in a museum. The exhibit and artifacts are from the ancient Maya civilization. The story, theme and setting offer numerous insights and learning opportunities.

The following are ideas for learning while playing that the HeR Interactive team hopes will encourage discussions and offer points of learning in the listed subject areas.

In addition to this subject overview for ways to apply the game to subjects, we have **created a worksheet**. It has questions for players to complete while playing the game for added learning and engagement.

Social Studies – Maya, an advanced society, where was their civilization? When was the Maya culture at its peak? Explore the Maya culture through artifacts. Maya invented a form of writing with over 800 symbols, they created a numbering system and were the first to use a zero. Learn about their culture and achievements. Descendants today: who are they, where are they?



Art and Art History – Their art, architectural achievements, ruins, tombs, famous pieces, museums and curators, take a virtual field trip to <https://artsandculture.google.com/project/preserving-maya-heritage>.

History of Ancient Civilizations – Early years, location, environment, a day in the life from 250 A.D. to 900 A.D. types of people and size of their population, how they created roadways, homes, farms, structures.



Science – Archaeology and modern technology – What is archaeology? What do we learn from artifacts? What new ways are laser beams being used today to discover new Maya ruins never before seen? The Maya calendar: discuss how they created it without telescopes. Jungles and habitats, their importance then and now, climate compromise.


English – Write a fictional short story using the artifacts discovered in the game and tell why you think the civilization collapsed over 1,100 years ago.

Create a daily diary schedule of a Maya family: what life would be like based on what artifacts and history tell us, then, create a family name and characters to describe a day in Mayan life. Discuss how that differs from your family life.

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Teacher's Guide

Secret of the Scarlet Hand Worksheet

 As your student plays through the game *Nancy Drew: Secret of the Scarlet Hand*, they can find information about the Maya civilization. This worksheet provides questions (and answers on the teacher version here) for your student to fill out as they work on solving the mystery. Encourage your student to also take handwritten notes for playing the game in order to solve the mystery. If you or the student gets stuck in the game, please refer to the official game strategy guide. For additional questions and resources, please visit herinteractive.com or email us at feedback@herinteractive.com. Additionally, please review the last part of the student's worksheet and read the teacher's second page for extra instructions.

Q1: The Maya calendar is called _____.

A: *Tzolkin*

Q2: The Maya calendar is made up of this many days _____. A) 365 days. B) 160 days. C) 300 days. D) 260 days.

A: *D) 260 days*

Q3: What is the name of King Pacal's mother?

A: *Lady Zac Kuk*

Q4: Identify these three Maya gods: A) Yuum Kaax is the _____ god. B) Ahau Kin is the _____ god. C) Xbalanque is the _____ god.

A: *A) Yuum Kaax is the __corn__ god. B) Ahau Kin is the __sun__ god. C) Xbalanque is the __Jaguar__ god.*

Q5: Quiche, Cakchiquel, and Ixil are all modern variants of what? A) Languages. B) Pottery. C) Foods. D) Jewelry.

A: *A) Languages*

Q6: A priest called _____ was responsible for giving children their first names.

A: *Paal Kaka*

Q7: The ritualistic ball game of the Maya was called what? A) Bul. B) Hop. C) Kix. D) Dac.

A: *A) Bul*

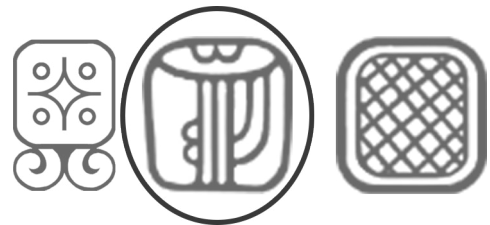
Q8: The term Maya refers to a group of Mesoamerican Indians from what regions?

A: *Southern Mexico and Northern Central America*


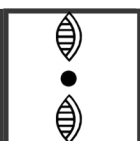



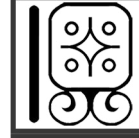


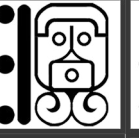











Q9: What notable female ruled the Maya for over 20 years?

A: *Lady Kanal Ikal*

Q10: The Maya used a variety of writing tools and ink wells. Which logograph (picture symbol) represents "Ink"?




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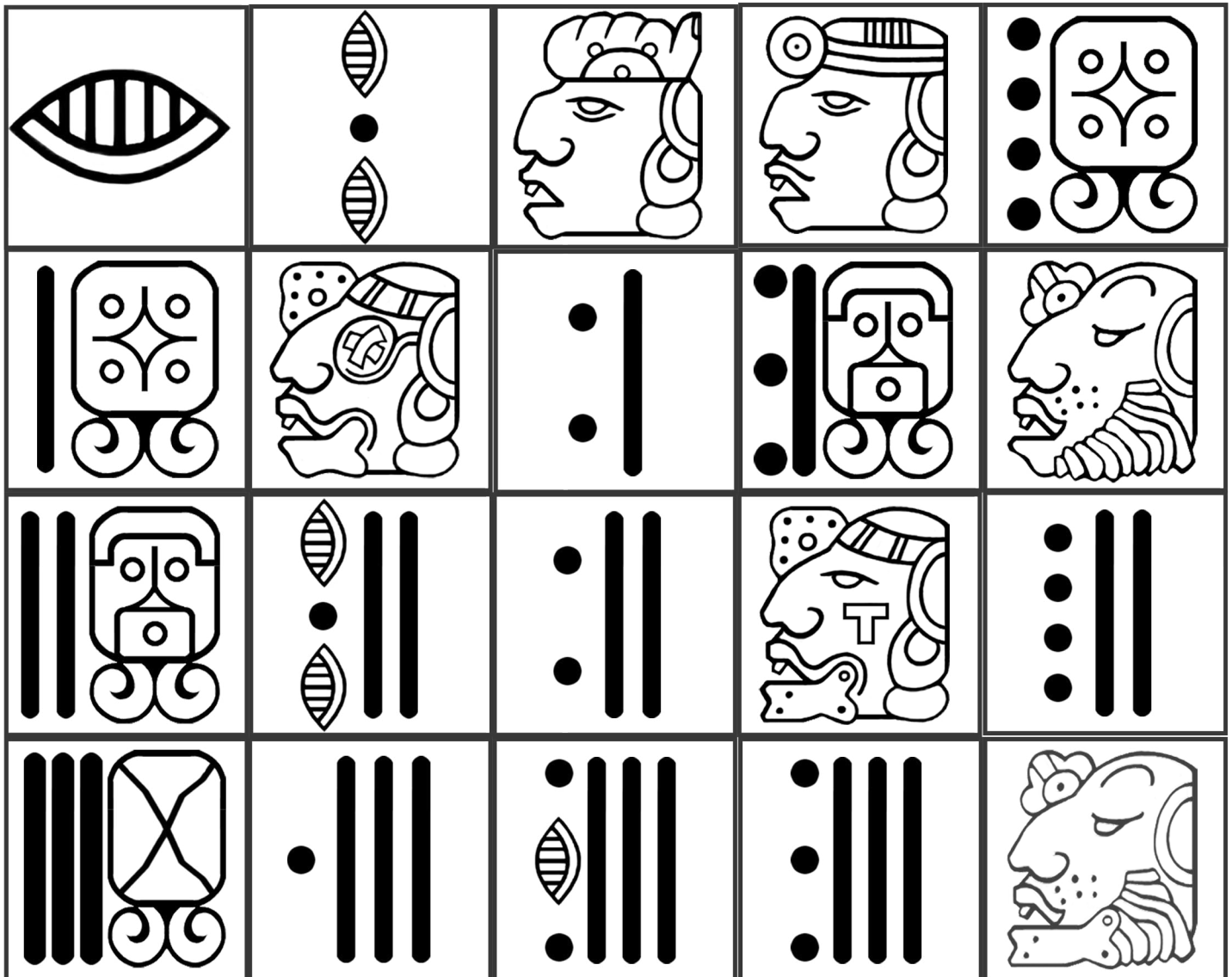
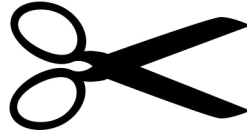
				
				
				
				

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 For the last part of the student worksheet, cut out all of the squares below for the Mayan Numbering system. Shuffle the cards and give them to the student for placing on their sheet. Optional: provide a gluestick or tape to keep their answers in place.



Answer the questions as you play and explore Nancy Drew: Secret of the Scarlet Hand! It helps to take hand-written notes, too!

Question 1: The Maya calendar is called _____.

Question 2: The Maya calendar is made up of this many days. (Circle one.)

A) 365 days. B) 160 days. C) 300 days. D) 260 days.

Question 3: What is the name of King Pacal's mother?

A: _____

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Question 8: The term Maya refers to a group of Mesoamerican Indians from what regions?

A: _____

Question 9: What notable female ruled the Maya for over 20 years?

A: _____

Question 10: The Maya used a variety of writing tools and ink wells. Which logograph (picture symbol) represents "Ink"? (Circle one.)



Just like in the game, place the Maya number tiles in order of 0-19 using the clues below.
Optional: use a gluestick or tape to keep your answers in place.

Numbering System Clues:

Zero looks like a turtle shell.

1 dot = one

2 dots = two, and so on.

1 bar = five

Two = has a big hat with five 'fingers' and a semi-oval on it.

Three = looks like a doctor.

Six = wears an eye patch with an X in it.

Nine = has a beard and freckles.

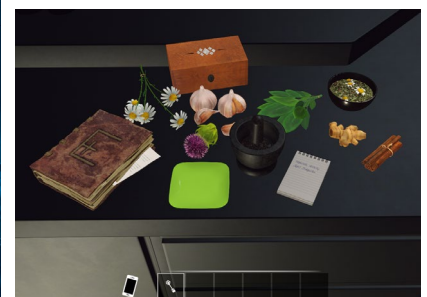
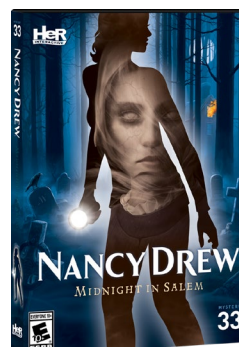
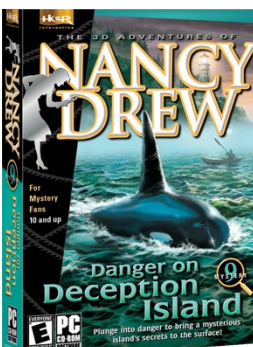
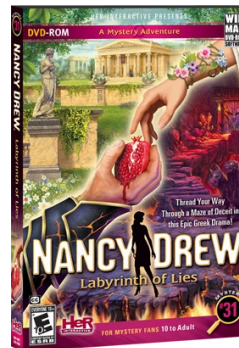
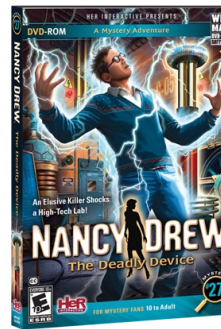
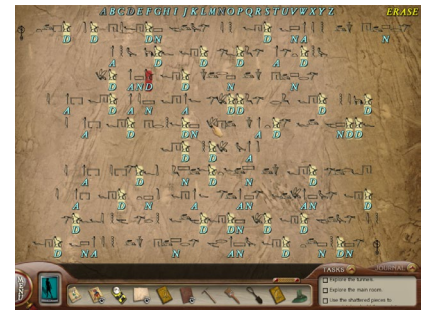
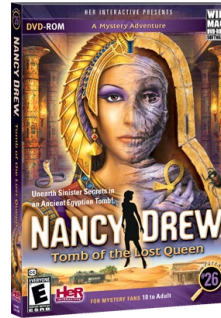
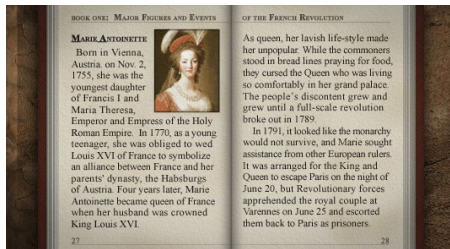
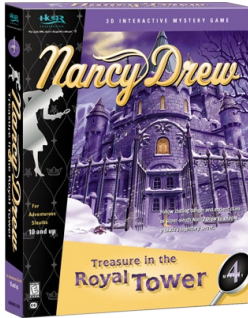
Thirteen = has a T on the cheek.

Nineteen = looks like nine but has a removeable jaw.

0	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19

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