

Mayan Palace

Introduction

Read the Mayan Article on World Book Online.

According to the text, Mayan kings had elaborate palaces with many rooms that were constructed to host other kings, jesters, government officials, nobles, wives, musicians, scribes, artists, attendants, cooks, chocolate makers, housekeepers, other support staff, and official visitors.

Materials:

Crayons, markers, pens, pencils, and/or coloured pencils

Paper

Construction paper

Craft sticks

Glue

Directions:

Imagine you are a Mayan ruler. What would you need in your palace? How many rooms would it have? What would it look like? Who would you have live there? Why? Draw or write out a description of your palace, or build a model showing what you would want your palace to look like. Discuss the use of each area. Then show your designs to the class.