

The Early Classic Maya Notes
Miller Chapter 6

Key Images

North Acropolis, Tikal, Early Classic.
Stela 4, Tikal, Early Classic.
Stela 29, Tikal, Early Classic.
Stela 31, Tikal, Early Classic.
The Leiden Plate, Tikal, Early Classic.
Tripod Vessel, Tikal, Early Classic.

Key Terms

Temple
Bajos
Sacbes
Radial pyramid
Corbel vault
Ceremonial bar
Cormorant

Questions to Consider

- When did Mayan civilization begin its classic period? What factors establish this era?
- What influence did the fall of Teotihuacán have on Mayan civilization?
- What key element united Classic Mayan cities?
- What do experts believe was the function of E-VII-sub?
- What do experts believe was the basic function of most temples?
- What elements of Mayan city planning can be observed at Uaxactún?
- What are the typical features of Early Classic funerary pyramids?
- What are the most prevalent types of architecture to survive from the Classic Maya era?
- What two features are present in all Maya architecture?
- What is out of the ordinary about Stela 4?
- How were Mayan kings interred?
- What was the most typical Maya funerary offering during the late fourth and fifth centuries? Where might these objects have derived?