

Temple I Maya. Tikal, Guatemala c. 300-900 c.e.

Temple at the top, consisting of three rooms

Built during classical Maya period 300-900 c.e.

Rises over a great plaza in Guatemalan Rain Forest

Maya priests had great power

Two-hundred foot high pyramid

Is the largest of the ancient ruined cities of the Maya civilization

Walls & roots of Maya stone temples were richly carved & painted

Located in the El Petén department.

Height of 55M

One of the major cultural and population centers of the Maya civilization

Some of the palaces of the elite were burned

Built early of 4th century

The population gradually declined until the site was abandoned by the end of the 10th century

Tomb of Hasaw Chaakawi, The one gave back the supremacy of Tikal over other Mayan center

"Tikal" means "Place of Voices" or "Place of Tongues" in Maya, which could be an ancient name for the city

Estimate that it had a population from 100,000 to 200,000

It has hundreds of ancient buildings, fraction of which have been excavated

