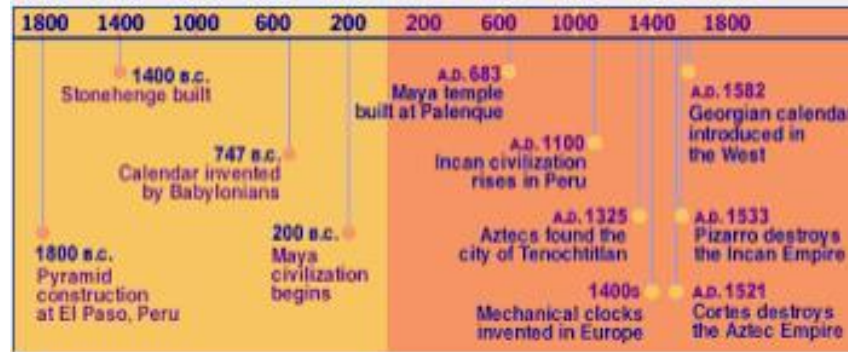


## Year 3- It's raining cats and chocolate- History

### Timeline



### Who was Montezuma?

(1466–1520). Montezuma II was the ninth emperor of the Aztec Empire. For most of his reign, he controlled a large portion of what is now central and southern Mexico. However, Montezuma was doomed to be the last great Aztec king. In 1519 soldiers from Spain, led by Hernán Cortés, arrived in the Aztec lands. By 1521 Montezuma was dead, and the Aztec Empire was no more.

### Key vocabulary

**Primary Sources**- Items left over from a specific period. E.g, weapons or letters.

**Secondary Sources** - documents we can use to find out about a time period that have been made (usually from primary sources) e.g reports or images.

**Trade** - Buying and selling goods or services.

**Barter** -trading one thing for another

### The discovery of chocolate.

#### cacao beans

Cacao trees sprout pods directly from their trunks. When they are ripe, the pods can be broken open to reveal the beans, which can then be dried, roasted and ground.

The Maya made a bitter chocolatey drink from **cacao beans** that was enjoyed by the rich and used for medicines and in ceremonies.

The beans were highly valued and even used as a form of money.



### Where were the Aztecs/Mayans



- Before chocolate was considered a sweet treat, chocolate was a spicy drink, drunk by such early civilizations as the Mayans and Aztecs.
- The first uses of the cacao bean are seen at the height of the Mayan civilization (250-900 A.D.).
- Chocolate was used as a form of money in the Aztec civilization.
- It was combined with water, chili, peppers, and cornmeal and drank rather than eaten.



### Spain Discovers Chocolate

- 1519 – Hernan Cortez arrived in South America.
- Montezuma welcomed him and offered him Xocolatl.
- 1529 – Cortez introduced chocolate drink to Spain.



**Key people** **Aztecs**: a fierce tribe of warriors who settled in the Valley of Mexico in the 13th century CE. **Mayans**: People who lived in modern day Mexico & Central America.