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CREATE YOUR OWN MAYA GOD/GODDESS

The Maya had gods for every aspect of their lives, particularly for areas that were most important to their survival (like rain, agriculture, childbirth, trade and kingship), or things they feared the most (like violence, disease and death).

Maya gods were highly flexible: they could be both good and bad, male and female, old and young, have human and animal forms and be one or multiple beings. Some had human form with plant or animal features such as jaguar patches or reptilian scales, claws, animal ears, or a head like a cornucob.

Imagine you live in an ancient Maya city. What new god might make your life easier? Once you've worked out your god's backstory, powers and characteristics, draw a picture of them.

What is their name?

What is their area of responsibility? What problem do you hope they'll solve for you?

What powers do they have? What are their strengths and weaknesses?

Draw a picture of your Maya god/goddess

What do they look like? Do they have human, animal or plant characteristics? Any special clothing, weapons or equipment? Any sidekicks or animal friends?

What is their personality? How does this god act, what do they want from humans? What makes them angry, happy, or sad? Are they caring, noble, ruthless, cruel? Are they good, or evil, or both?

What's the story behind your god? How did they come to be? Who are they related to? Who are their friends and enemies?