

# Maya Gods & Beliefs - Prompt Cards for Discussion

(to go with the Maya God & Beliefs flipchart/powerpoint)

Many cultures and religions believe in an after life,  
somewhere you go after you die.  
The ancient Maya believed their souls went to a  
'place of fear'.  
Only the rulers and nobles believed there was a  
chance of them getting to the Upperworld.  
Why do you think this was?

Where does a lot of the  
evidence for what we know  
today come from?  
How open are these sources  
to interpretation?

Why do you think  
the ancient Maya  
had so many  
different gods?

How do the beliefs of the ancient  
Maya compare with different  
religious beliefs today?  
Can you find any similarities?

Would you like to be alive in the  
1st millennium and living with the  
ancient Maya?  
What would be the pros and  
cons?

What do you think about their  
understanding of the world?  
Why might they have thought  
this?