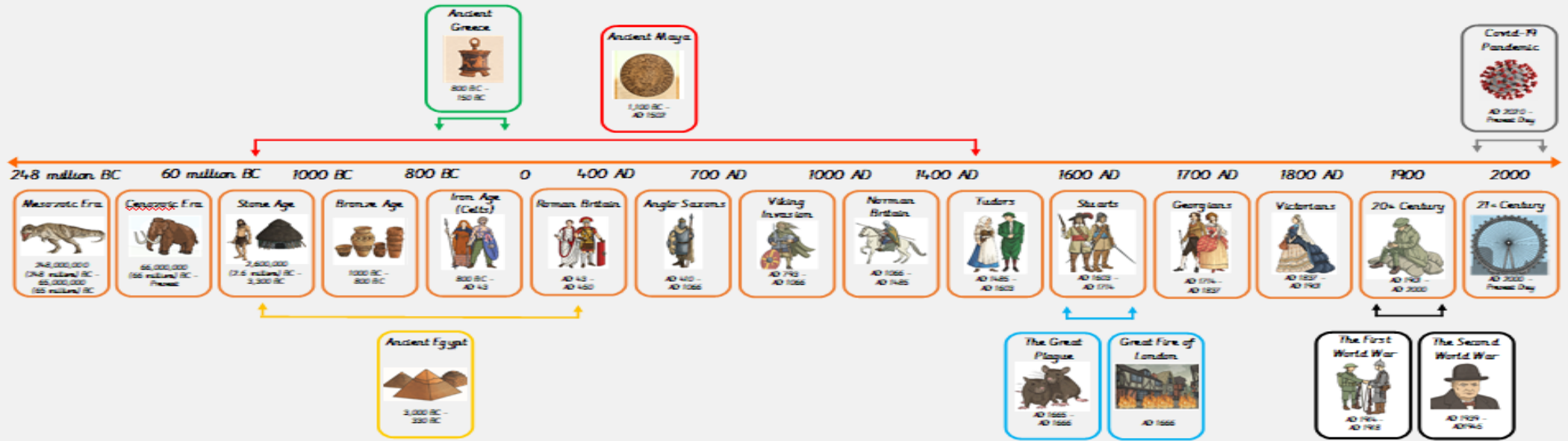


# KEY KNOWLEDGE FACT SHEET

# YEAR FIVE—ANCIENT MAYA



## KEY HISTORY VOCABULARY

Maya  
 Chichen Itza  
 Mesoamerica  
 primary source  
 secondary source  
 Classical Period

## KEY GEOGRAPHY VOCABULARY

North America  
 Guatemala  
 Belize  
 Honduras  
 El Salvador  
 Mexico  
 6 figure grid reference



El Salvador  
**TEMPLE AT CHICHEN ITZA**



## OVERVIEW

- ⇒ The **Maya civilisation** began long ago in a place called '**Mesoamerica**'.
- ⇒ This huge area is made up of **Mexico** and part of **North America**.
- ⇒ They were considered an advanced civilisation due to their many achievements, such as the architecture in **Chichen Itza**.
- ⇒ The Maya built amazing cities like **Tikal** and **Palenque**.
- ⇒ They were experts at reading the stars and even built their cities as a map of the sky!
- ⇒ Mayan culture was well established by 1100BC, and it lasted until 1542AD .