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Film response "The Blood of the Kings"

What were some of the technological innovations of this society? How did they help to define the people & their culture?

The ancient Maya civilization had several technological innovations; one of the most significant ones was their calendar which was based on their knowledge of mathematics and astronomy. They used the movements of the sun, moon and stars to develop an accurate calendar system which was used for religious and ceremonial purposes. Another big aspect which the Maya had was a complex hieroglyph writing system. This writing system made it possible for them to record their history and religion. But not only that, they were also able to trade and communicate with other Maya communities.

The Maya were also very good architects and were able to build pyramids, temples and palaces. These impressive buildings were decorated with statues and carvings to represent their religious beliefs. The last aspect which was very advanced among the Maya culture was the advanced agricultural techniques. The used terrace farming, crop rotation and irrigation systems, which made it possible for them to grow their population and also establish a stable food supply.

Overall all these innovations and advancements helped define the Maya culture and society. They were able to create a well organized and centralized political system, as well as a well developed religious hierarchy. With all those advancements the Maya were able to become one of the most advanced civilizations of the ancient world with a rich culture that still inspires people today.