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Film & Response: Mayan Civilization, The Blood of the Kings, Question #3

The Mayan civilization was organized into a complex hierarchical system with several different classes of people:

At the top of the social hierarchy were the rulers, who were believed to be appointed by the gods and had authority over the people. They were responsible for maintaining order and stability, overseeing religious ceremonies, and managing the economy and trade.

Below the rulers were the nobles, who were the wealthy and powerful landowners. They held important political and religious roles and were responsible for managing the day-to-day affairs of their communities.

The middle class consisted of the “commoners”, who were the farmers and traders. They were responsible for producing food and goods for the society, and they paid taxes to the rulers and nobles in exchange for protection and access to resources.

At the bottom of the social hierarchy were the slaves and servants, who were usually prisoners of war or individuals who had fallen into debt. They were responsible for performing manual labor and serving the needs of their masters.