

The Blood of the Kings Video & Questions

1) How would you describe the "cultural screen" of the Mayan society as illustrated in this film?

I would describe the "cultural screen" of the Mayan society as just completely unique. They have their own screen that is not similar to any other civilization. They had their own society, culture, religion, way of life etc. Even down to the way they write, and the hieroglyphics used is not like any other. Their every-day lives were different. For example, their beauty standards were so different, and the Mayans would put themselves through physical pain without any anesthesia or numbing medication to achieve those standards. They had their own structure of hierarchy and their own religion. Everything they did was unique which was why their civilization is such a mystery to this day.

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

Some of the technological innovations of this society were its architecture and use of codes. The buildings, temples, and pyramids they developed were so advanced and unique to the world. The codes and encryptions on their buildings are unique as well and creates more mystery surrounding the civilization. They were also extremely smart and had their own efficient calendar system. Astronomy was also a great part of their technological innovations. Their ideas and perceptions surrounding astronomy were almost exact and they used their architecture to help further their knowledge in astronomy. The Mayans also had their own special writing language that could be compared to the hieroglyphs of Ancient Egypt.