

Mayan Numbers and Calendar Review

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Understanding Mayan Mathematics and Time Tracking

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Answer the following questions about the Mayan number system and calendar.

1. What system did the Maya use for counting?

- A. Base-10
- B. Base-20
- C. Base-5

2. The Mayan calendar was more ____ than European calendars of its time.

3. Why might tracking time be important for the Maya?

4. Match the Mayan symbols to their meanings.

Dot

One

Line

Five

5. What did the Maya use to represent their numbers?

- A. Only letters
- B. Dots and lines
- C. Only shapes

6. The verse Psalm 90:12 teaches us to ____ our days.

7. How is our calendar similar or different from the Mayan calendar?

8. What was one of the purposes of the Mayan calendar?

- A. To tell time only
- B. To track seasons and events
- C. To count money

9. The Maya could calculate complex ____ events.

10. What makes the Mayan number system unique?

Answer Key

1. Base-20 2. accurate 3. It helped them plan their farming and religious events. 4. One 5. Dots and lines 6. number 7. Our calendar has 12 months, while the Mayan calendar has 18 months. 8. To track seasons and events 9. astronomical 10. It uses base-20 counting rather than base-10 like we use.