2000 BC – AD 1697

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Maya Civilization timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Death of Pakal of Palenque**
King Pakal of Palenque dies after ruling for 68 years, leaving behind magnificent temples and one of the longest Maya inscriptions ever found, which records his dynasty.

☐ **Classic Maya Collapse**
The major cities of the southern Maya lowlands are abandoned one by one over about a century; the population of the region collapses.

☐ **First Cities Emerge**
Large Maya cities begin to form, including El Mirador in Guatemala — one of the largest cities in the ancient Americas, with massive pyramid complexes.

☐ **Chichen Itza Flourishes**
In the northern Yucatan, cities like Chichen Itza rise to power after the southern collapse, blending Maya traditions with influences from other Mesoamerican peoples.

☐ **Spanish Conquest of the Maya**
Spain gradually conquers Maya territories over 170 years of resistance; the last independent Maya kingdom, the Itza of Lake Peten, falls in 1697.

☐ **Tikal Stela 29**
A king of Tikal sets up Stela 29, carved with the Long Count date 8.12.14.8.15, one of the oldest known Long Count dates in the Maya lowlands. The Long Count was a place-value count of days that used a sign for zero.

☐ **Tikal vs. Calakmul**
The two great Maya powers — Tikal in present-day Guatemala and Calakmul in Mexico — build rival networks of alliances and fight proxy wars across the Maya world.

☐ **Classic Maya Period Begins**
The Classic Maya period marks the height of Maya civilization, with dozens of competing city-states flourishing across the Maya world.

☐ **Late Maya City-States**
New Maya kingdoms rise in the Yucatan and highlands; the Maya world remains politically divided but culturally vibrant on the eve of Spanish contact.

☐ **Early Maya Villages**
Maya-speaking people establish farming villages in the highlands and lowlands of present-day Mexico and Guatemala.

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Put the Events in Order: Answer Key

~2000 BC	1.	Early Maya Villages
~300 BC	2.	First Cities Emerge
~AD 250	3.	Classic Maya Period Begins
AD 292	4.	Tikal Stela 29
~AD 600	5.	Tikal vs. Calakmul
AD 683	6.	Death of Pakal of Palenque
~AD 800–900	7.	Classic Maya Collapse
~AD 1000	8.	Chichen Itza Flourishes
1200–1500	9.	Late Maya City-States
1524–1697	10.	Spanish Conquest of the Maya