Life of the Ancient Mayans
Architecture

- Mayan pyramids were built to honor deities.
- Mayan cities spread throughout Mesoamerica and the Yucatan Peninsula.
- Mayan pyramids were built based on the harvest and agriculture.
Recreational Activities

The Mayans played an ancient ball game that correlated with the harvest.

The goal of the ball game was to hit the ball through a vertical hoop on the side of the court.
This hoop was used in the Mayan ball game.
The stone carving in this picture represents the warrior being decapitated after winning the ball game. It is believed that he went to the underworld and returned with the harvest.
Corn was a very important part of the Mayan livelihood. They stretched their heads so that they would resemble corn.
The Mayans used homeopathic herbs to cure ailments.