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CREATE YOUR OWN MAYA GOD/GODDESS

The Maya had gods for every aspect of their lives. But most particularly, gods in the areas that were most important to their survival (like rain, agriculture, childbirth, trade and kingship), or in the things that they feared most (violence, disease and death).

Maya gods were highly flexible: they could be both good and bad, male and female, old and young, have human and animal forms and be one being or multiple ones. Some had human form but animal or plant characteristics like jaguar or reptilian skin, claws, animal ears or even corn cob heads.

Once you've worked out your god's characteristics and back story - draw a picture of them.

What is their name?

What is their area of responsibility?

What powers do they have? What are their strengths and weaknesses?

Draw a picture of your god/goddess

What do they look like? Do they have human, animal or plant characteristics? Any special clothing, weapons or equipment? Any sidekicks or animal friends?

What is their personality? How does this god act, what do they want from humans? What makes them angry, happy, or sad? Are they caring, noble, ruthless, cruel? Are they good, or evil, or both?

What's the story behind your god? How did they come to be? Who are they related to? Who are their friends and enemies?