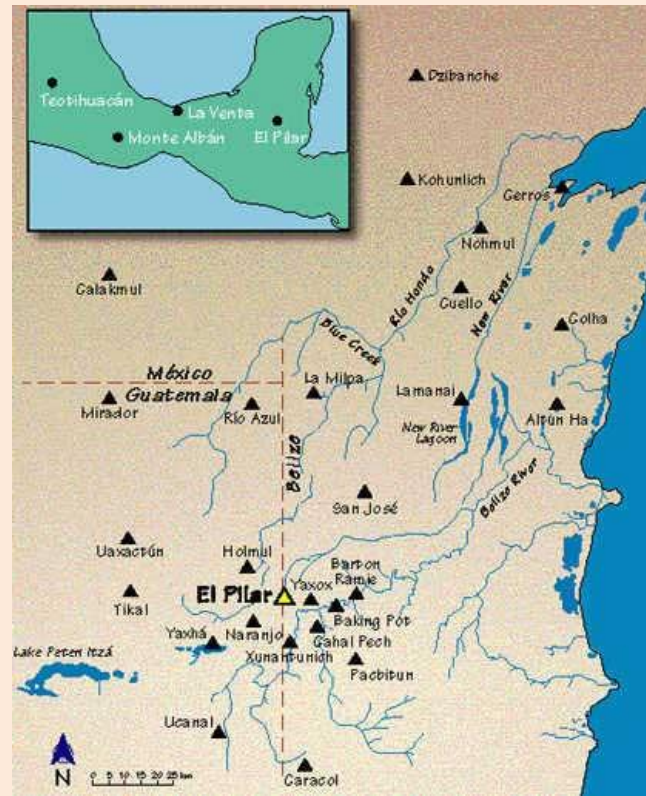


Drought

Scientists have proven that around 900AD, there was a drought which meant no rainfall

Water!

The Maya mainly settled where there was a river to make sure they had a water supply to water their crops and drink.



Where there was no water supply, the Maya made their own underground wells which were fed (filled up) with rain water.



The constant deforestation of trees also had an impact on the water. The trees held water which evaporated to make rain clouds. No trees meant no clouds which meant less rain.



The lack of rain meant rivers and reservoirs quickly dried up. As a result, there was nothing to drink or to use to water the crops. The crops quickly failed and people began to die due to dehydration.



The area where the Maya lived (Central America) has had terrible droughts in the past. Evidence suggests that this occurred around 900AD which resulted in hundreds of thousands of people dying.



What do you think?