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The Maya cities were constantly at war with each other. Could this be responsible for the downfall of the civilisation?

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War had always been a large part of Maya life. As the population grew, so did the need to capture land to grow crops from each cities' enemy.

It quickly became a priority to attack more and more cities to make sure all citizens would not starve. Many Kings, Nobles and Priests were taken prisoner leaving cities being ruled by a different royal family.

War was costly to each city and many weapons also had to be made to protect the warriors.

As the crops started to die, the Maya needed more and more people to capture and sacrifice to the Gods to make them happier. The Maya believed this would make the crops grow.

War created unrest amongst many civilisations. Many people died and it cost a lot of money. Did this cause the Maya decline? What do you think?