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NGS Video: *Lost Kingdoms of the Maya*

Directions: Fill in the blanks with information from the video.

1. The Mayan ball game was played for **life** or **death**.
2. The Maya claimed the gods made them from **corn**.
3. The Mayan cities John Stevens explored are located on the **Yucatan Peninsula**.
4. The land of the Mayas covered **Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, El Salvador, and Mexico**.
5. **Copan** was one of the largest Mayan cities for 400 years.
6. **Tikal** was like New York and Copan was like **Paris**.
7. When unearthed from the ruins, **pots with glyphs** were more valuable than gold.
8. The Mayans used a form of writing called **glyphs**.
9. The men and women who wrote the Mayan books were concerned about **astrological** information.
10. The Mayans first lived in Copan valley and harvested **corn**.
11. Only the **kings** had the ability to intervene with the gods.
12. To the Maya, the living force of the universe was **blood**.
13. The religion of the Maya follow today is a blend of the Maya religion and the **Catholic** faith.
14. **Pyramids** symbolize sacred mountains where the **ancestors** dwell.
15. Ordinary people were buried under the **floors** of their homes; the elite were buried in **tombs**.
16. The Mayan civilization was at its highest in the **seventh** century.
17. As **disease** and **hunger** became more common, the Maya abandoned the cities.