**Spanish invasion of the Maya lands**

1)1511 - Spanish boats sink and sailors are captured by the Maya.

2) 1511 - Maya people start dying from diseases introduced by the Spanish sailors.

3) Pedro de Alvarada invaded the Maya in Guatemala in 1523 and founded a city.  
  
4) 1542, the Yucatan Peninsula was conquered by the Spanish using guns. The local Maya only had bows and arrows to defend themselves. Another Spanish city is built.

5) 1697 – the Maya of Belize and Guatemala were finally conquered after resisting many, many battles. It took **over 150 years** of resistance by the Maya people!  
  
6) The Spanish burned many Maya people who refused to convert to Christianity and tried to destroy their culture.