

Key question 4: RS2b Maya activity Zones of inference

What I don't understand/would like to

Who is this person? He is the god of corn or maize - the most important god to the Maya as maize was a key crop.

What is that thing sticking out of his head? An enormous headdress shaped like a corn on the cob-the hair is like strands of the inside of the cob

Why is he so young? He is always shown as handsome and young: he could dance when the breeze rustled his long leaves

What is the figure on the necklace?

What I can work out

He must be important for the Mayan to make a statue of him

He looks peaceful as if he is praying

The Mayan believed the first people had been created from maize. As maize cannot seed itself it needs humans to plant and tend and Gods to protect the harvest.

What I can see

A stone statue of half a man *A sort of headdress*
His eyes are closed



A necklace with thick chunky beads and a strange-looking head

One hand is facing down

One hand is held up