

## The Hero Twins

### Comprehension:

What were the names of the first ancestors?

Read the paragraph headed *The First Ancestors*. Find and copy a word that shows that the Lords of Death were annoyed by the noise of the ball game.

What is in the river in the Underworld?

Explain in your own words how Hunahpu and Xbalanque identified the real gods from the wood carvings.

What did the hero twins come back to life as first?

What impression do you get from the story about the personality of the Lords of Death? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

In what way were the second twins similar to their ancestors?

In what way were the second twins different to their ancestors?

### Grammar:

Find and copy two proper nouns.

*After passing the tests, the gods challenged them to a ball game.*

a) Circle the conjunction in the sentence above.

b) Underline all the nouns.

c) Explain why a comma was used in this sentence.

*This agitated the Lords of the Death, who summoned the boys to the Underworld.*

a) Underline the main clause in the sentence above.

b) Circle the relative clause.

c) Suggest a synonym for the verb summoned.

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### Comprehension Answers:

What were the names of the first ancestors?

- One Hunahpu and Seven Hunahpu

Read the paragraph headed *The First Ancestors*. Find and copy a word that shows that the Lords of Death were annoyed by the noise of the ball game.

- agitated

What is in the river in the Underworld?

- spikes and blood

Explain in your own words how Hunahpu and Xbalanque identified the real gods from the wood carvings.

- (for example) They got mosquitos to bite them – the real gods would react and the wooden ones wouldn't. (Or) mosquitos bit them to see which were real and which were wood.

What did the hero twins come back to life as first?

- catfish

What impression do you get from the story about the personality of the Lords of Death? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

- Accept any reasonable answer that is supported with evidence from the text. For example: The Lords were cruel because they sent people they didn't like to the Underworld and killed them. Or: The Lords thought they were better than everyone else because they didn't like it when the hero twins passed their challenges and beat them.

In what way were the second twins similar to their ancestors?

- Both good at ball games or both noisy.

In what way were the second twins different to their ancestors?

- They passed the tests, they were able to beat the Lords or they could come back to life when killed.

### Grammar Answers:

Find and copy two proper nouns: accept any person or place name, e.g. Maya, Hunahpu etc.

*After passing the tests, the gods challenged them to a ball game.*

a) Circle the conjunction in the sentence above. after

b) Underline all the nouns. passing & challenged

c) Explain why a comma was used in this sentence. to separate the clauses

*This agitated the Lords of the Death, who summoned the boys to the Underworld.*

a) Underline the main clause in the sentence above. This agitated the Lords of Death

b) Circle the relative clause. who summoned the boys to the Underworld

c) Suggest a synonym for the verb summoned. Accept any suitable alternative such as called, invited.

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