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Looking for Clues at Copán

The purpose of this activity is to look at evidence in 5 categories and then answer the following two questions:

- 1) Why did Copán collapse?
- 2) Was the end a gradual decline or a rapid fall?

Fill in the Chart below with your Evidence!

Monuments	Houses
Botany	Bones
People	

Looking for Clues at Copán - Conclusions!

Now that you have finished collecting your information, you need to click on "COME TO A CONCLUSION"

Below are your choices you will be given. Input your conclusions and see what the experts think!

The Following is taken directly from the site:

http://www.learner.org/interactives/collapse/copan/notes.php?s_id=6618350239ABCDE

Why did Copán collapse?

- War with neighboring peoples brought on political problems and malnutrition.
- Overpopulation and overfarming brought on malnutrition and disease.

or

- A natural disaster caused the area to become uninhabitable because of erosion and crop shortages.

Was the end a gradual decline or a rapid fall?

- Rapid (occurred within a few years)
- Gradual (occurred over a few hundred years)

Why did you come to this conclusion? *

What do the experts think?