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Search for the Maya Underworld

“Back to the jungle in 2001, we joined the search for new caves--passages to the underworld that may have stood unvisited since the Maya themselves entered. An eight-day reconnaissance mission was conducted to pinpoint the locations, plot a course for the sites, and find the caves on the ground. When they were located, the crew investigated.”¹

Read the 2 Part Kids Update

<http://archive.archaeology.org/online/features/belize/kids/index.html>land

Answer the following questions in your archaeology journal:

1. The Ancient Maya believed in the afterlife and that caves were a watery underworld and sacred places. What artifacts do archaeologists find in these caves?
2. Why is it best to study sites that have not been disturbed by modern humans?
3. What tools do archaeologist use to help them find the entrances to these amazing caves? How do they work?
4. What are looters?
5. What is a sinkhole?

¹ <http://interactive.archaeology.org/belize/>