

# Frederick Catherwood

10 Using a camera lucida (a tool used to ensure accurate  
16 drawing of proportion and perspective), Frederick  
23 Catherwood produced meticulous and precise drawings of  
34 the ruins of the Maya civilisation during his visit to Copan,  
39 in modern-day Honduras, in 1839.

47 His detailed drawings provided Victorian people with an  
58 insight into life in the Maya period, which meant they were  
58 able to speculate about the Maya kings, gods and writing  
59 (hieroglyphs).

79 Although it is clear that these drawings are impressive, some  
87 people question their importance because they were drawn  
93 by an artist rather than photographed.



# Quick Questions



1. What did Frederick Catherwood use a camera lucida for?

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2. Find any two words meaning **exact** or **clear**.

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3. Why did Victorian people have to **speculate** about Maya life?

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4. Some people questioned the drawings' importance. Do you think they are important? Why?

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