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The 20 Aztec 'Day' Signs.

You can use this sheet as an introduction to the signs themselves (the count of 20 days was the basis for the ancient Mesoamerican ritual calendar), and to introduce the idea of associations or 'levels' of meaning. Many of these signs feature in our in-school programmes...

The qualities below are based on Sonja Atkinson's book "The Aztec Way to Healthy Eating", 1992.



1 Alligator

Quick response



2 Wind

Strength



3 House

Love of home



4 Lizard

Endurance



5 Snake

Meditation



6 Death

Life force, vitality



7 Deer

Alertness



8 Rabbit

Speed



9 Water

Cleanliness



10 Dog

Loyalty



11 Monkey

Agility



12 Grass

Healing (herbs)



13 Reed

Music



14 Jaguar

Grace



15 Eagle

Great spirit



16 Vulture

Hope



17 Movement

Sensitivity



18 Flint

Renewal



19 Rain

Fertility



20 Flower

Contentment