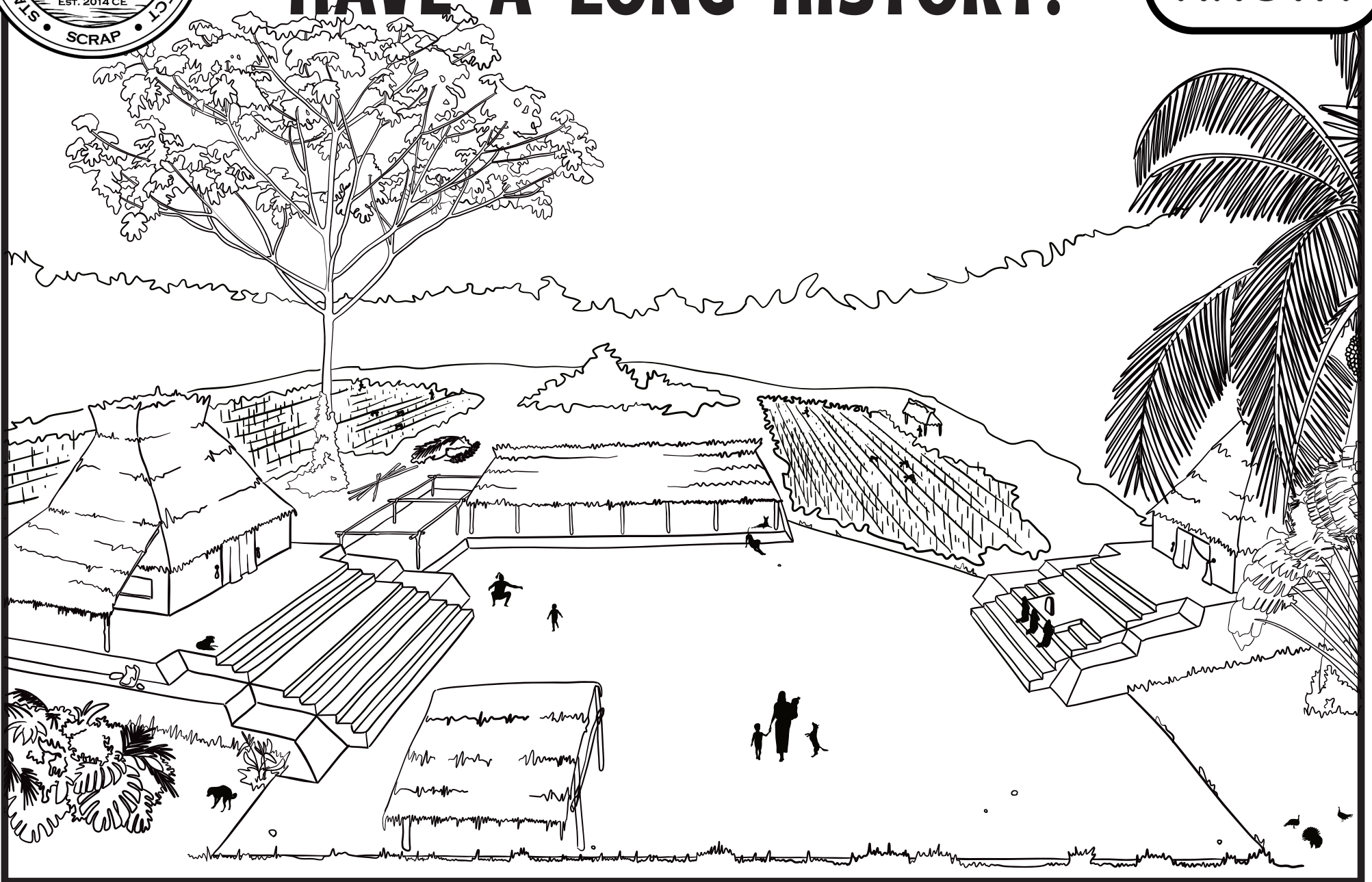




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COLONIAL AND HISTORIC	Banana Plantation & Maya Mopan Village 1950 AD 1850 AD 1750 AD 1650 AD 1550 AD Abandonment
L. POST CLASSIC	Occupation 3 1450 AD 1350 AD 1250 AD Abandonment
E. POST CLASSIC	1150 AD 1050 AD 950 AD
LATE CLASSIC	Occupation n 2 850 AD 750 AD 650 AD Abandonment 550 AD
EARLY CLASSIC	Occupation n 1 450 AD 350 AD Sterile - Pre-occupation? 250 AD

- On the other side of this page, you can see a picture of what scientists believe ALA-002, a fancy house group at Alabama, looked like a long time ago during the Late Classic Period. This place was lived in many times over the years.
- The first people to build houses at Alabama arrived almost 2,000 years ago, during the Early Classic Period. They might have left the area for a while because a big hurricane caused a lot of flooding.
- About 1,000 people lived in the town during the Late Classic Period. They built homes, grew crops, made pottery, ground corn, hunted, traded things, and maybe even fought in battles. A really long dry period called a drought may have made them leave the town.
- People came back to Alabama during the Post-Classic Period. They used old houses again, made new pots in the same ways as before, and caught fish or hunted using nets and net weights. Archaeologists have even found these tools! For reasons we don't know, the people left Alabama again.
- In the 1950s, the Greene & Atkins company, based in Mobile, Alabama, USA, began a banana farm in this area. They called their new village "Alabama." That's why the ancient Maya site is also called Alabama, even though we don't know its original name.
- In the 1970s, families from the Toledo district started Maya Mopan Village nearby. The people living there today are still part of the long Maya story in this area. You can still see signs of the ancient past all around the village.