Maya Classic way of life in the southern lowlands. Only a few very minor centers, such as the ones at Lake Peten and Lake Yaxha, date from the Postclassic period, but these are poor indeed compared to those of the Classic. For the most part, the area remained abandoned or drastically depopulated and culturally reduced. In Yucatan some significant new centers did spring up, undoubtedly attracting trade merchants, craftsmen, and peasants; however, the more important centers of the Postclassic period lay outside the Maya lowlands altogether. In effect, the Maya lowlands had been bypassed by the progress of Mesoamerican civilization whose main course was then firmly set by the social and political order of the new type that was propagated from central Mexico (3).

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