

The Maya were very proficient at keeping track of important days and events. They used dots to represent the numbers 1-4 and a bar to represent the number 5. They also used zeros, which was very rare at the time.


#### Our Counting System

Ones	Tens	Hundreds	Thousands
0-9	10-90	100-900	1000-9000







#### Maya Counting System

Ones	Twenties	Four Hundreds	Eight Thousands	One hundred and sixty thousands
0-19	20-380	400-7600	8000-152000	160000-3040000

This is the way you would write the numbers 0-19 using Maya hieroglyphs.

0	1	2	3	4
	•	••	•••	••••
5	6	7	8	9
—	•	••	•••	••••
10	11	12	13	14
—	•	••	•••	••••
15	16	17	18	19
—	•	••	•••	••••

Now you give it a try! Write the following numbers using hieroglyphs, or use the hieroglyph to write the number...

5	19		
17	8		
0	12		
10	2	