

**Directions:** As you read the website material called *Looking for Clues at Copán*, summarize your findings in the chart below.

Area of Evidence	Type of Evidence	What Evidence Show
Monuments	An altar with three unfinished sides.	One unfinished side shows date that's equivalent to Feb. 10, A.D. 822. There are no monuments after A.D. 822.
People	Modern farmers in area don't rotate crops or allow land to lie fallow (rest). Crops grow smaller every year.	Land probably was over farmed in time of Maya also.
Bones	Two skulls of Copán citizens; other skeletons.	Signs of severe anemia (lack of iron) and malnutrition, which probably killed 80 % of Copán's citizens.
Botany	Plants and soil.	By A.D. 1200-1250, the Copán Valley had returned to forest, so farming had ceased.
Houses	Erosion debris and obsidian blades in houses around Copán.	Erosion debris probably was caused by over farming. The dating of obsidian blades shows population between A.D. 500 and 1200. After A.D. 950-1000 "the number of blades drops off" showing that the population had decreased