

# Lost civilizations: inca



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The Inca of Peru lived in a rough environment that only a few would survive. The Inca had tribes called the Moche, Nazca and the Paracas. They would barley lasted 100 years. This movie is about there accomplishments and struggles. Machu Picchu a city that laid hidden for many years until 1911 when a American explore Hiram Bingham discovered it. It was high in the mountains, it had been there for 400 years. High in the Andes mountains were the environment was harsh. The Inca people adapted, they had large lungs and short legs. They domesticated the lama and alpaca, they harvested crops of corn and tomatoes to .

Along with carved roads and straightening rivers, the Inca were great engineers. The Inca worshiped the sun god Inti along with the Earth, the mountains, the thunder and the moon Gods. Veracocho was the main god and was seen as the creator of all things, or the substance from which all things are created. Veracocho was the father of the sun so that made each Inca leaders the son of the sun. . The Inca worshiped their ancestors they are extremely imported to the Incas. They engaged in what they called ancestor veneration. They made sure that the ancestral body was kept intact.

Mummified the dead and kept in the home or palace that they lived. It was treated like they were still living. The Panacea is what they called them. Some of the remains found were modified, there skull were elongated. It was only for a small group thought to be for the wealthy. Also found was the practices of trephination, where they would drill holes into the skull. It was used for fractured skulls and then later for decease to escape. 60% of people that had this done survived the operation. The Nazca people lived in the

desert area where water was scarce. They worshiped the nature gods as well.

There are giant carving in the ground, roads and pictures that are a mystery to all. Some believe that they are for aliens and UFO's . Others think it might be an ancient calendar. Telling the Nazca when to plant and harvest there crops. Others believe it is for rituals paths to honor the gods that they worshiped. Others think that is its is a guide for the birds, and the birds told the Nazens that water was coming. The Moche people built the largest pyramids in the Americas. They were a small tribe that had engineered irrigation systems which gave them fertile land. They also lived near the coast so they were able to fish.

They held strange rituals of human sacrifice and participated in erotic sexual practices. Grave robbers discovered El Brujo which contained paintings and art of the Moche people. The grave robbers that the Moche practiced sorcery and witch craft. The robbers also found a tomb with great riches left by the Moche people. Archeologists excavated the site and found a royal burial chamber which had. He was buried with both men and women along with loads of riches. The tomb provided a great look into the Moche way of life. The Spanish conquistadors invaded Peru in search of gold.

On November 16th, 1532 shortly after Atahualpa gained power from a civil war with his brother, the Spanish attacked and killed nearly 6000 Inca. The Spanish, having fire arms and horses, things that the Incas had never seen before, were able to take Atahualpa prisoner and conquer the Incas.

Atahualpa tried to bargain with the Spanish but failed and in the end they

killed him by strangulation. Since the Spanish believed that mummification was sacrilege they had to have a proper Christian burial. Atahualpa and other mummies were eventually transferred and buried in Lima.