

# The Incas



# About The Incas

- ◆ An American Indian people of Peru
- ◆ The southern border of present-day Colombia to central Chile.
- ◆ Domesticated crops as corn, squash, and beans before about 3000 B.C.



# The meaning of “Inca”

- ◆ The native language the term “Inca” was the title of the Indian emperor.





# Where is the Incas?

- ◆ In the Andes Mountains.
- ◆ Around the 1200 A.D.
- ◆ The South American continent

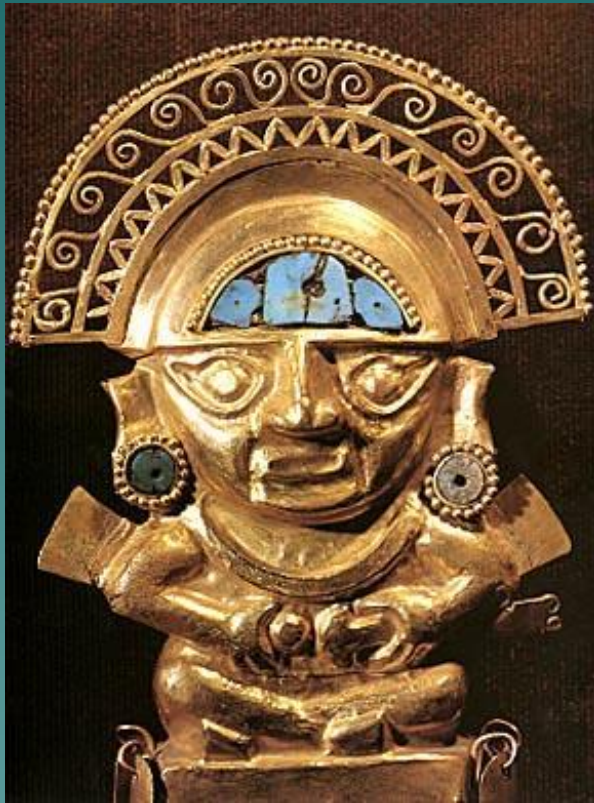


# The Inca Empire

- ◆ Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and the northern areas of Chile and Argentina.
- ◆ The greatest political achievement of the American Indians.



# The former Inca Empire



- ◆ The habitat of the former Inca Empire is spectacular and varied.



# Language

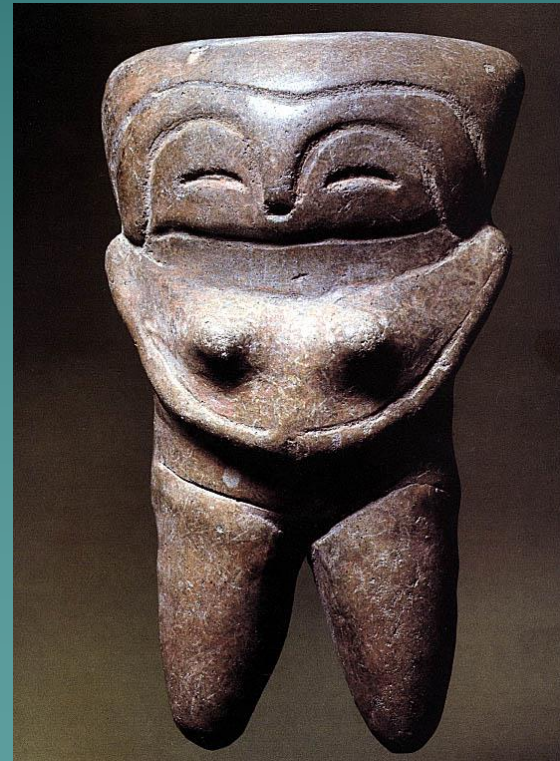


- ◆ Quechua
- ◆ the dominant language
- ◆ Peru's inhabitants

# Agriculture

- ◆ Primarily of farmer-soldiers.
- ◆ Be developed or cultivated in the Andean area.

A terracotta female figurine from the Manabi province in Ecuador.





# Religion



*Golden ornaments, such as this llama, were oftenly used in religious rituals.*

- ◆ The most enduring centered on the Huaca.
- ◆ Huaca was associated with agriculture.

# Art



- ◆ In vicuña wool was of the highest quality.
- ◆ The cutting of semiprecious stones.
- ◆ The Inca stonecutters depended on the coastal trade for shell and stones.
- ◆ Goldsmith was an Inca specialty.

# Architecture

- ◆ Inca engineering and structural daring.
- ◆ The Inca artisans built with sun-baked brick.

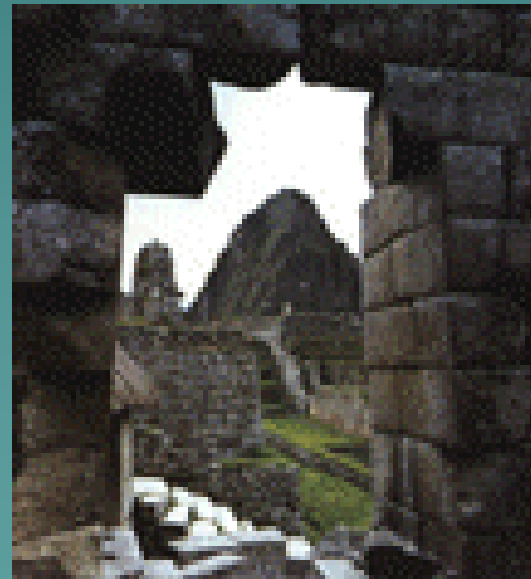




# Government

- ◆ The Incas ruled by a semidivine ruler called the Sapa Inca.
- ◆ Capital at Cuzco, in what is now Peru.

Cuzco, the  
Incan capital



# Military

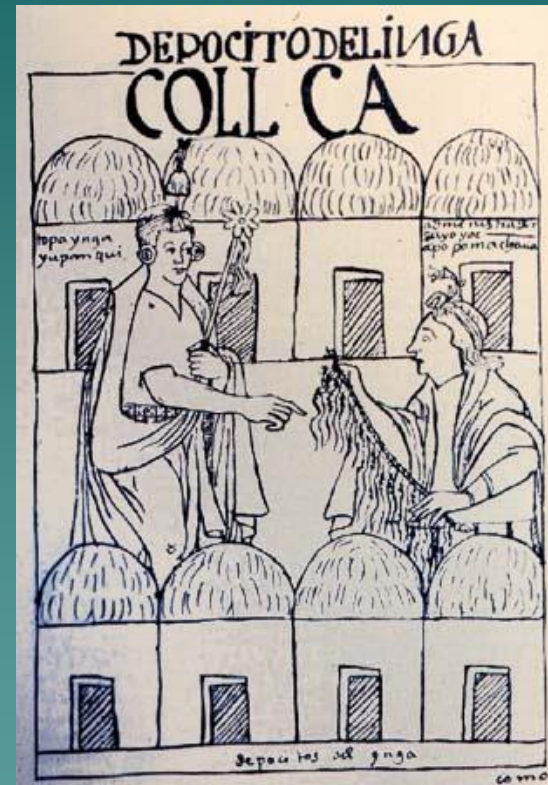


A young warrior  
(northern Peru) Circa  
A.D. 400-600 Museo  
Arqueologico, Lima,  
Peru.

- ◆ To the Inca, war was a necessity and it was their duty to conquer the world for Inti, their Sun god.

# Science

- ◆ Their complex stone road system was over 20,000 kilometers long and communication network.



Quipu, Incan recording device



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