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Machu Picchu

Purpose: To help the students recognize the significance of Machu Picchu and Andean culture. Also, the purpose is to understand more of the history of the Incas and how they influenced society. The ultimate goal is to help the students broaden their awareness of other cultures, people, and beauty.

Level: Spanish One (in English)

Possible Websites:

<http://www.greentracks.com/machutext.html>

<http://www.machupicchu.org/library/>

<http://gorp.com/gorp/location/latamer/peru/machu.htm>

<http://www.andeantravelweb.com/peru/destinations/machupicchu/ruins.html>

<http://www.andrys.com/peru27.html> and <http://www.andrys.com/peru28.html>

Activity: This activity should be a take-home assignment or if available, an assignment to do in the lab.

Pre-activity: Teacher should peak the students' interests to go on a journey to South America. The students will be traveling to one of the most visited tourist attractions in the world—Machu Picchu. Find out why Machu Picchu is so frequently visited and some of the mysteries associated with this unique place.

During: Give the worksheet below for the students to find out the information.

Post-Activity: Discuss as a class what the students discovered about Machu Picchu.

Name: _____

Machu Picchu

Answer the following questions.

<http://www.greentracks.com/machutext.html>

1. What is Machu Picchu?
2. Who most likely built Machu Picchu?
3. Where is Machu Picchu located?
4. How many feet above sea level is it?
5. Who discovered these ruins and when?
6. What are the three distinct sections of Machu Picchu, and what could they have been used for?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
7. What was the purpose of the “Temple of the Sun”?

Explore the Machu Picchu library: <http://www.machupicchu.org/library/> . Look at various links about Machu Picchu, and answer the following questions.

<http://gorp.com/gorp/location/latamer/peru/machu.htm>

1. What are some of the reasons Gary Ziegler gives for the delay in discovering Machu Picchu?
2. Why didn't the Spaniards discover Machu Picchu?
3. Find a map where Machu Picchu is located. Is it in the north, south, east, or west of the country where it is located?

<http://www.andeantravelweb.com/peru/destinations/machupicchu/ruins.html>

1. What is different from this site than others?

More pictures and information about Cuzco and Machu Picchu:

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