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Before she became a mummy, "Juanita" was a young girl who was sacrificed to the Incan gods. Also known as "Lady of Ampato" and the "Inca Ice Maiden," she likely lived between 1450 and 1480 and was probably between the ages of 11 and 15 when she died. Image online, courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

From Cuzco, his capital in the high Andes, The Ninth Inka (Inca), Pachacuti, ruled his people. Later, an empire (building on Pachacuti's early conquests), would be called "Inca," (in English, "the ruler").

Once the largest civilization in "the new world," stretching north through Ecuador and extending south to Argentina, the Inca Empire flourished for about one hundred years (during the 15th and 16th centuries).

When the Atahualpa Inka was kidnapped (and later killed), the kingdom fell to gold-seeking Spanish Conquistadors, in the 16th century.

The life and times of the people remained largely unknown to the outside world since the Incas did not have a written language. Machu Picchu (Machupijchu), today the most famous settlement of the Inca Empire, remained hidden until a Yale archaeologist (Hiram Bingham) rediscovered it in 1911.

As the 20th century continued, scholars (seeking to learn more about the empire) found unexpected information in unanticipated places: Inca mummies were being located in Peru.

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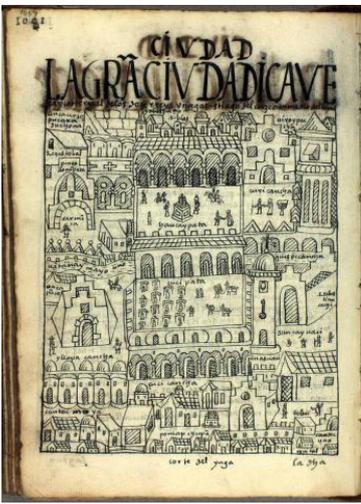


View of Cuzco

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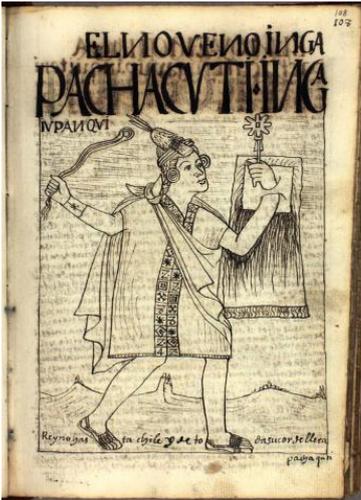


### Cuzco - Principal City of the Inca

Drawing 372, from Poma de Ayala, *The First New Chronicle and Good Government On the History of the World and the Incas up to 1615*, page 1059.

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### Pachacuti Inka - The Ninth Inka

Drawing 35, from Poma de Ayala, *The First New Chronicle and Good Government On the History of the World and the Incas up to 1615*, page 108.

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### Feast of the Inkas - Singing with a Red Llama

Drawing 124 - "Feast of the Inkas: *wariqsa*, dance; *arawi*, song of the Inka. He sings with his red llama" - from Poma de Ayala's book, *The First New Chronicle and Good Government On the History of the World and the Incas up to 1615*, page 320.

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## Inca Empire - Conquests, 15th and 16th Centuries

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## Challco Chima Inka - The Tenth Captain

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## Inka - Red Litter for War

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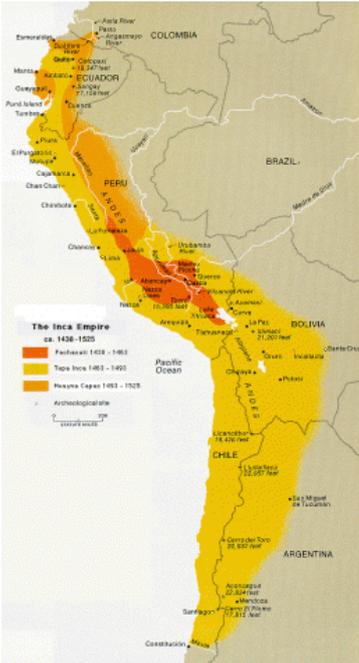
### Litter of Precious Stones - Inca Empire

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### Inca Empire - 1438-1525

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### Inca Empire - Conquistadors Imprison the Inka

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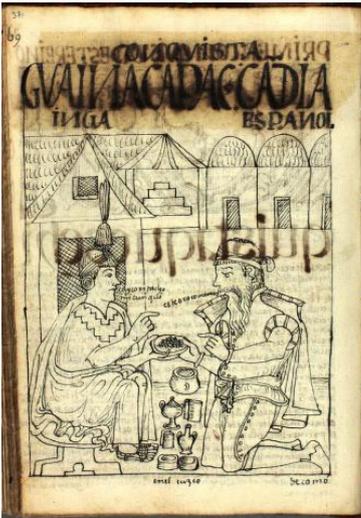
### Inca Empire - Conquistadors Execute the Inka

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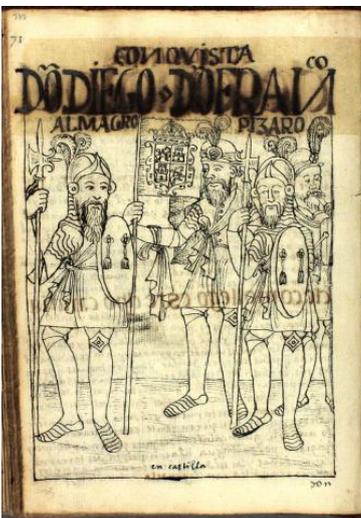
### Inca Empire - Conquistadors Seek Gold

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### Inca Empire - Conquistadors

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### Inca Empire - First Spaniards in Peru

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### Inca Empire - A Child of Twelve

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### Inca Empire - An Inca Woman

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### Inca Empire - Its People

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### Machu Picchu - Stunning Vista

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