

# ANP 264

## GREAT DISCOVERIES IN ARCHAEOLOGY

ONLINE (WEEK 6)

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### Film Guide (Ghosts of Machu Picchu)

This documentary examines the Incan site of Machu Picchu, mysteriously abandoned more than four centuries ago. This site, symbolic of Incan power, wealth, and ingenuity has been the subject of considerable research since its discovery by Hiram Bingham in 1911. There have been countless theories about this "Lost City of the Incas," but at the core is the fundamental questions of why, how and who.

Your task in this documentary is to address 1) why was the location chosen for the location of this seemingly inaccessible mountain top, 2) how was Machu Picchu built and what were the technological innovations used to support the people living here, and 3) who were the people who lived at this site?

This film may be streamed in its entirety at the following website:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/ghosts-machu-picchu.html>

### Key Terms, Time Periods, Events, People, etc.

#### People

Inca

Fernando Astete

Guaman Poma

Hiram Bingham/George Eaton

Virgins of the Sun

Quechua

Elva Torres Pino/Valerie Andrushko

Father Bernabe Cobo

Pachacuti (Inca Yupanqui)

Kenneth Wright

Johan Reinhard

Mummies

#### Places

Machu Picchu

Peru

Andes

Vilcabamba

Patallacta

Intihuatana

Cusco

Urubamba River

#### General Terms

Terracing

Trepanation

Blunt force trauma

Paleohydrology

Drainage system

Direct hammering

“Sacred Landscape” theory

Cardinal directions

Isotopic analysis

Corn

Tombs

Psychological warfare