



Chestnut and Holly Home Learning Pack



Machu Piccu

L.I: To conduct research into Machu Piccu

Watch the video on the link below and/or use the information sheet in this pack to find the following information out about Machu Piccu. Record your findings in note form on the worksheet provided.

Use these videos to help with your research.

[Guide to Machu Picchu for Children: Lost City of the Inca for Kids - FreeSchool - YouTube](#)

[Peru: Machu Picchu - Travel Kids in South America - YouTube](#)

Machu Piccu

Tucked away in the rocky countryside northwest of Cuzco, Peru, Machu Picchu is believed to have been a royal estate or sacred religious site for Inca leaders, whose civilization was virtually wiped out by Spanish invaders in the 16th century. For hundreds of years, until the American archaeologist Hiram Bingham stumbled upon it in 1911, the abandoned site's existence was a secret known only to peasants living in the region.



Did you know? Machu Picchu is made up of more than 150 buildings ranging from baths and houses to temples and sanctuaries.

Machu Piccu's 'Discovery'

In the summer of 1911 the American archaeologist Hiram Bingham arrived in Peru with a small team of explorers hoping to find Vilcabamba, the last Inca stronghold to fall to the Spanish.



Traveling on foot and by mule, Bingham and his team made their way from Cuzco into the Urubamba Valley, where a local farmer told them of some ruins located at the top of a nearby mountain. The farmer

called the mountain Machu Picchu, which translates to “old peak” in the native Quechua language. On July 24, after a tough climb to the mountain’s ridge in cold and drizzly weather, Bingham met a small group of peasants who showed him the rest of the way. Led by an 11-year-old boy, Bingham got his first glimpse of the intricate network of stone terraces marking the entrance to Machu Picchu.

Machu Picchu Today

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983 and designated one of the New Seven Wonders of the World in 2007, Machu Picchu is Peru’s most visited attraction and South America’s most famous ruins, welcoming hundreds of thousands of people a year. Increased tourism, the development of nearby towns and environmental degradation continue to take their toll on the site, which is also home to several endangered species. As a result, the Peruvian government has taken steps to protect the ruins and prevent erosion of the mountainside in recent years.





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| Name of wonder | |
| Date built | |
| Country | |
| What is it built from? | |
| Size | |
| Why was it built? | |
| Other interesting facts | |



L.I: To write up, in neat, facts about Machu Piccu



Key Words

Peru religious archaeologist mountain heritage



L.I: To plot the '7 Wonders of the New World' on a map



This will appear in every pack but you only need to complete one map.

For every wonder that you research and you write about, plot where they are on the world map. Don't forget to label them!

You can include this in your non-fiction book.

