

Shaman of the Andes

Vocabulary List

Shaman: A religious figure who uses traditional methods to treat illness

Taita Churo: The name of the shaman featured in *Shaman of the Andes*

Andes Mountains: A large mountain range in South America

Imbaburu Province: A province in Ecuador in the Andes Mountains

Quechua: 1) A language spoken in the Andes mountains. 2) The people that speak the Quechua language. 3) The language of the Incan empire.

Inca Empire: An empire in the Andes mountains during the 14th and 15th centuries

Consultorio: A room, or building which the shaman uses to see his clients

Indigenous Culture: A native culture of a region

Catholic: A member of the Catholic church

Communion: A Catholic ceremony in which bread and wine are shared

Mass: A Catholic religious ceremony

Intirami: The traditional Quechua spring time planting festival

Pachamama: The traditional Quechua deity of the Earth

Chilca: A plant used by the shaman in cleansing rituals

Cuy: The Quechua name for guinea pig

Malaire: A Spanish word describing a disease

Cosmology: A system of beliefs that describe the natural order of the universe

Agrarian: A lifestyle characterized by farming and a dependency on the land

Heritage: A person's or group's traditions

Artifact: An item created by a past culture

Tradition: An inherited, established or customary pattern of thought, action or behavior

Modernity: Characteristic of the present

El Rama de Gallo: A traditional festival in which roosters are given as gifts

Ambivalent: Uncertainty about two different things

Amalgamation: A mixture of different elements

Integrate: To unite with something else

Duality: The existence of two different and seemingly opposite values or things

Spirit: A supernatural being or essence

El Dia de los Muertos: An annual celebration honoring the deceased