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Incas and Natural Disasters

1. Read this article about the Inca Empire.



Many years ago, during the Inca Empire, the emperor thought that natural disasters - like earthquakes and floods - were messages from the earth, but they were anger messages because of all the destruction it caused. The Emperor wasn't calmed, he was extremely scared. People had a plan to face these disasters. The emperor and the priest offered ceremonies. In those ceremonies, they killed little children and animals as a gift for Earth and to relieve his anger to avoid natural disasters. They didn't use to choose young woman. Children and animals were considered "pure." People strongly believed that this ceremony helped them with their crops, and Mother Earth blessed them during the year. This is one of the main reason why Mother Earth was one of the deities for Incas and the Andean region in general. Every season they had religious ceremonies with sacrifices.

2. Say if the sentences are True or False.

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| a. Natural disasters were peaceful messages. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| b. People didn't have a plan for earthquakes. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| c. They assassinated woman in ceremonies. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| d. Sacrifices were like presents for the Earth. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| e. They did those ceremonies every year. | ☐ True | ☐ False |

3. Answer the questions and choose correct option:

a. Why was the Inca Emperor afraid of natural disasters?

Because he thought it was messages of wrath from the earth

Because he thought good things were coming for his empire.

b. What were the two main natural disasters Incas had to face?

Hurricanes, Earthquakes

Earthquakes, Floods