

WONDERS OF ECUADOR

1.- READ THE PASSAGE AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. (L 1:7)

New Year's Traditions

In my first visit to Ecuador I was really surprised when I saw the uncommon image of men dressed like women who are supposed to be the widows of the *año viejo*. These characters with colorful wigs and little black dresses block the streets and dance suggestively for people passing by, especially men, in order to get some money "to survive" after their husbands are burned. It has become very lucrative for the young men who dress up, since they can get more than a hundred dollars in a couple of hours.

Many people gather together in traditional neighborhoods or in family groups to make the *año viejo* with funny messages and of course a will or testament in which drama and humor are combined to talk about good and bad moments, about family members, and also about the situation of the country. It shows Ecuadorian creativity and imagination.

a. What are some characteristics of *viudas*?

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b. Why do *viudas* ask for money on the street?

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c. What do wills talk about?

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d. What characteristics do wills have?

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2. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH A RELATIVE PRONOUN: WHO, WHICH, OR THAT (L 7:4)

Washkas,..... means "necklace", are made of minerals and gems such as amethyst and obsidian, as well as corals. According to the indigenous worldview, they have special powers.

Womenwear them keep their balance and good energy. *Washkas*,..... also keep bad spirits away, are worn in weddings, ancient festivities, and religious celebrations. In the past, peoplehad many *washkas* were considered wealthy. Nowadays, old necklaces are considered an Andean treasure.

3. FIND THESE 10 WORDS IN THE WORD SEARCH, THEN CHOOSE 5 OF THE WORDS AND WRITE A SENTENCE USING THEM. (L 2:6)

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