



Teachers Notes for Inka Marka.

The name of the group means Force of the Inkas in Quechua

The band comes from various different Latin American countries that all have very different histories.

The band sings in Spanish and Quechua.

The Spanish came to South America 500 years ago to search for Gold.

They conquered the local people through cruelty and slavery.

They took enough gold from Bolivia and Peru to make a bridge from South America to Spain.

Bolivia	Land locked country, mainly indigenous approx 90% population of Quechua or Ayamara people. Ruling class until recently of European descent. Only Latin American country to have an Indigenous President.
Peru	Higher percentage of Mestizo or mixed blood people, than Bolivia Dominant "European descent" ruling class
Argentina	Similar multi racial immigration to Australia. Large scale European immigrations over the past 100 years. No surviving indigenous culture.
Chile	Small pockets of surviving indigenous culture to the extreme north & south, mainly European descent & heritage. Large scale European immigration during the past 100 years.
Ecuador	Lies on the equator, large pockets of Indigenous culture surviving today

Interesting facts:

Chile	Longest coastline in the world Fishing and mining main exports
Bolivia	Highest capital city in the world- LA Paz (means The Peace) One of the poorest countries in the world.
Argentina	Same latitudes as Australia. Same type of immigration European, post second ww2 Sheep and Beef main agricultural exports
Peru	Capital of the Inka empire
Ecuador	lies on the Equator so was given this name by Europeans Large indigenous population

Instruments Used by Inka Marka

Bombo	Goat skin drum
Guitar	traditional Spanish instrument
Charango	10 string mandolin type instrument invented by the indigenous Indians of Bolivia
Quena	Bamboo flute
Samponas	bamboo pan flutes made of reeds
Cha Chas	made of goats nails and are used as a rattle.

Reasons that the Inka's played music & rhythms

Marching to war:	the Inka's were a warlike group of people
Pay homage to their gods :	The Sun, the moon, and the stars
Fertility	Planting successful crops
Rainmaking	Playing music to make it rain.

Crops that originally came from South America:

Corn or maize	Avocados	Potatoes
Tomatoes	Sweet potatoes	Custard apples
Chillies & capsicums		

Animals that come from South America

Llama	related to the camel, has wool like sheep, beast of burden
Condor	related to the eagle large black bird sacred to the Inkas
Puma	large black cat like a mountain lion. Sacred to the Inkas
Guinea Pig	small rodent called a QUEE in Quechua. Used for food like a rabbit

Spanish Words

Hola	Hello
Como estas?	How are you?