

MAI Vocabulary Part II

Agriculture

- Big word for "farming"



Vocabulary you should already know

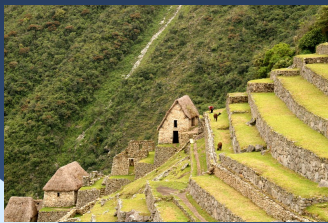
Astronomy



- Study of **things** **outside the earth's** atmosphere (e.g. other planets, stars, etc.)

Terrace

- Series of "steps" made on a hillside to increase the amount of land that can be farmed



Chinampas

- "Floating gardens" used by the Aztecs for agriculture in the land around Tenochtitlan



Quipu

- ◉ **Inca counting tool** that used colored rope & knots



The New Stuff

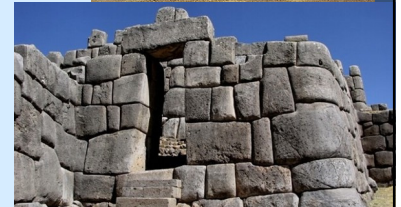
Chasquis

- ◉ **Incan messengers** who carried messages across the Incan Empire
 - Think "telephone" combined with a relay race



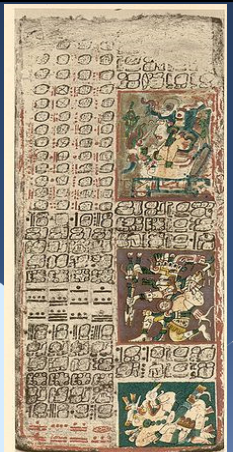
Sasahuaman

- ◉ **Inca fort** famous because it **didn't use cement or mortar** to hold its stones together



Codex (plural = codices)

- ◉ **Books** made from tree bark or deerskin
- ◉ Used by **Mayans & Aztecs**



Calpulli

- ◉ **Large Aztec settlements** (bigger than a village, smaller than a city-state)



Mummification

- Practiced by **Incas** to **preserve dead rulers** & nobles



Encomienda System

- **Used by Spanish** to govern conquered territories in **Mexico & South America**
 - Protect & convert natives in exchange for control of land

