Viracocha – the God Who Created the World Twice

Subjects: English · History · Geography | recommended from age 11 (A2/B1) | Video: 8:09 min



Watch the video
youtu.be/x2W8Efci1sg

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A · Before watching

1. Do you know other stories in which a great flood destroys the world? Name one.

B · While watching

1. What did Viracocha make the first beings from – and what did he expect of them?

2. Why did Viracocha decide to destroy his first creation?

3. What happened during the flood Unu Pachakuti?

4. How was the second humanity different from the first?

5. What did this myth explain to the Inca about the peoples of the Andes?

Useful words

creator	Schöpfer	clay	Lehm
giant	Riese	humble	bescheiden
proud	hochmütig	cave	Höhle
flood	Flut	custom	Brauch

C · Put the story in order

Number the events from 1 to 8 in the order they happen in the video.

	Imaymana and Tocapo confirm Viracocha's fears.
	Viracocha makes the sun, moon and stars rise.
	Viracocha shapes giants from stone at Lake Titicaca.
	The flood Unu Pachakuti destroys the giants.
	The giants worship him and spread across the land.
	The new people come out of the earth at their places of origin.
	They grow proud and fight each other.
	Dark clouds gather and the lake begins to rumble.

D · Think and discuss

1. Was it fair of Viracocha to destroy his first creation? Give your opinion.

2. Afterwards Viracocha travels the land as a teacher and disappears over the sea. Why might this ending matter?

E · Two creations compared

Compare the first and the second humanity.

	First creation	Second creation
What were they made of?		
What were they like?		
What happened to them?		
What is left today (in the myth)?		

F · Get creative

1. In your exercise book, tell the story of one of the new people coming out of their cave into the light for the first time (8–10 sentences).