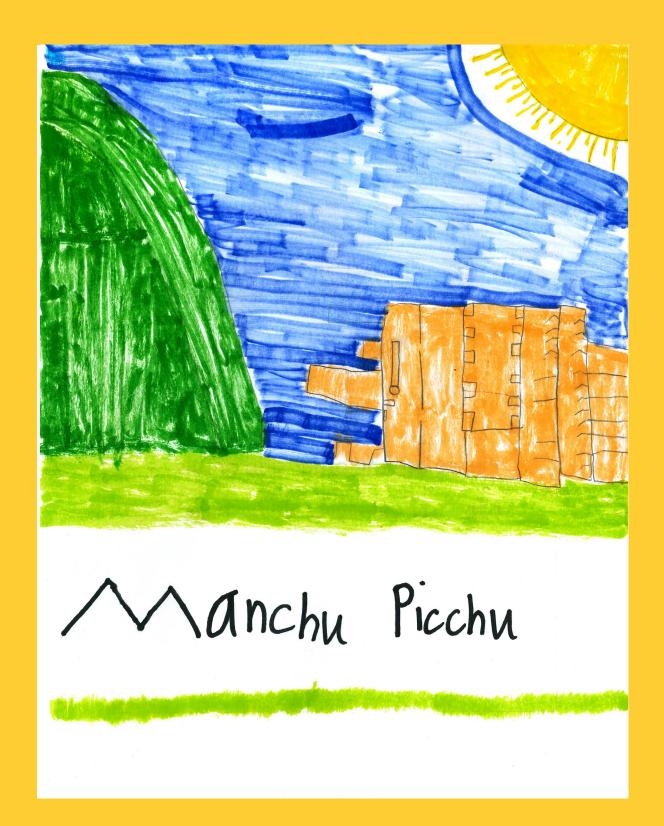


THIRD GRADE: 3rd Place

"Machu Picchu" by Addilynn

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Have you ever been to Machu Picchu?
Well if you have you would know it is
beautiful and very high. It is also a wonder
of the modern world.

The geographic location is nearby holy mountains, but in the middle of a tropical rainforest. The wonder I have is Machu Picchu and it is estimated that it was built around the year 1450. Archeologists believe that the sight might have been royal estate for leaders of the Inca Empire.

Most of the buildings are built with stones that are fitted close together without the use of mortar. Most of the work was done by people that moved large stones.

It was considered a wonder because Machu Picchu is one of the most spectacular creations of the Inca Empire. It sits on top of the mountain 8,000 feet up. There are many theories and one is it was a vacation retreat for the king. Another theory was it was built as a religious site. Archeologists have counted 3,000 stone steps at the ruins!

Machu Picchu means "old mountain" in Quechua language. As you can see, Machu Picchu is incredible wonder of the world.