

INCA GARCILASO DE LA VEGA

Chronicler and historian
(Cuzco, 1539 - 1617)



GALLERY
of HISTORIANS
and GEOGRAPHERS of
AMERICA

He was the first mixed-race historian of Central America, descendent of the Incan nobility and from an illustrious family of Spanish writers. Given his status, he decided to sign his works putting the word "Ynca" before his name, with which he emphasized his mixed-race background. He was outstanding as a translator and interpreter, and worked on oral history, gathering together the oral accounts stated by various native sources, which made him a chronicler. In his work, he collected information about cults, laws and the government of the indigenous peoples prior to the arrival of the Spaniards; he mixed these with frequent autobiographical comments throughout his text.

Wrote: Traducción del Indio, hecha de italiano en español por Garcilaso Inca de la Vega, 1590 / La florida del inca, 1605 / Comentarios reales de los incas, 1609 / Historia general del Perú, 1617.