

Laguna Culebrillas

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About the Story

The *Laguna Culebrillas* was provided by Cañarejo Doctor Wilson González, PRIMOK students, and books in the library of *Museo Pumapungo*.

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Museo Pumapungo is dedicated to preserving the art and culture of the Indigenous peoples of Ecuador.



Above the town of El Tambo in Cañar there is a **lake** called *Laguna Culebrillas*. This **lake** is **sacred** to the Cañaris.



The Cañaris are brave warriors, so they are respected by their neighbors.

The Incas come to Cañar and see how beautiful it is.

Greedy (Codicioso)	El deseo de poseer muchas riquezas
Worry (Preocupado)	Sentir inquietud por algo
Descendents (Descendientes)	Personas que descienden de otras personas
Bury (Enterrar)	Poner bajo tierra
Treasure (Tesoro)	Dinero, joyas, oro, y otras cosas de valor
Protect (Proteger)	Hacer que una persona o cosa no reciba daño
Flood (Inundar Algo)	Inundar algo con mucha agua
Powerful (Poderoso)	Algo o alguien que tiene autoridad y es muy influyente
Fishing (Pescar)	Atrapar peces en aguas naturales
Locals (Lugareños)	Gente que ha nacido en un lugar o población pequeña
Glows (Brilla)	Emitir luz brillante

Vocabulary

Lake (Lago)	Depósito natural de agua
Sacred (Sagrado)	Relacionado con la divinidad
Brave (Valiente)	Una persona que no tiene miedo
Warrior (Luchador)	Persona que lucha
Neighbor (Vecino)	Persona que vive cerca de su barrio
Alliance (Alianza)	Unión entre personas o estados
Build (Construir)	Hacer una construcción de arquitectura
Monuments (Monumentos)	Construcción que tiene gran valor histórico
Together (Juntos)	Estar con otras personas o en la proximidad de otros
Spaniards (Españoles)	Personas de España quien invadieron a las Américas
Cruel (Cruel)	Persona que no siente compasión



The Incas create an **alliance** with the Cañaris and **build** many **monuments** together.



One day, the Cañaris and Incas hear that the **Spaniards** are coming.

The Cañaris and Incas know that the Spaniards are **cruel** and **greedy**, so they are **worried**.

Comprehension Questions

1. Where is *Laguna Culebrillas*?
2. Who makes an **alliance** with the Cañaris?
3. What did the Cañaris and Incas build **together**?
4. What do the Cañaris **bury** under the lake?
5. What is the snake's name?

Discussion Questions

1. Did you learn something new today?
2. What was something interesting you learned in this story?
3. Have you heard a different version of this story?



The Cañaris believe they are **descendents** of snakes, so they make a river shaped like a snake.


You can visit *Laguna Culebrillas* today. Many people go **fishing** at the **lake**. But, the **locals** say that at night the gold under the **lake glows**.



When they are done making the river, they **bury** their **treasures** to **protect** them.

Then, the Cañaris **flood** the river to create a **lake**.



A vibrant illustration of a green snake with a blue mouth, coiled over a large pile of gold coins. The background is a colorful, abstract pattern of blue, green, and purple. The snake's scales are detailed with a grid-like pattern. The gold coins are scattered around the snake, some stacked and some individual. The overall scene is set against a background of swirling, colorful patterns.

After they bury their gold, a powerful snake arrives to protect it. The snake is named *Leoquina*.

The Spaniards never find the gold. The Cañaris believe that *Leoquina* eats anyone that tries to find the gold.