

Moche Notes
Stone-Miller Chapter 4

Key Terms

- Technology of the Essence
- Saltpeter
- Akimbo
- Echolocation
- Mimesis

Key Images

- Revolt of the Objects mural. Moche. Early Intermediate Period.
 - Huaca del Sol. Moche. Early Intermediate Period.
 - Pañamarca Mural E. Moche. Early Intermediate Period.
 - Warrior figure earspool. Moche. Early Intermediate Period.
 - Peanut necklace. Moche. Early Intermediate Period.
 - Ceramic portrait head. Moche. Early Intermediate Period.
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- How is Moche art characterized?
 - What challenge does Moche art present to western viewers?
 - What dominating interest is expressed throughout Moche art, despite its naturalistic approach?
 - What was one of the key myths of the Moche civilization?
 - How is Moche art “transitive?”
 - How did the Moche utilize the Chavín style?
 - In what way does Moche architecture complete a progression in coastal building?
 - What is the main temple at Moche?
 - What is a “maker’s mark?” For what purpose was it used?
 - Why is the Huaca del Sol in such a bad state of preservation today?
 - In what way is Moche art “easy to understand?”
 - Who is buried at Tomb 1 at Sipán? What kind of objects were buried with him?
 - Why were peanuts a valued food item to the Moche?
 - Explain the process/ result of depletion gilding. How does this process relate to the Andean idea of essence?
 - For what reasons did Moche artists employ molds to create ceramics?
 - How were the Moche unusual in the dissemination of their style?
 - To what kinds of artwork did the Moche apparently devote most of their efforts?
 - What was the most typical type of ceramic made for elite use? How was this form particularly suited to the Moche environment? What elements are Chavín inspired, and what elements are particularly Moche?
 - What vessel form is particular to the Moche?
 - What evidence suggests that the Moche sacrificed other Moche, rather than foreigners?
 - Other than depicting ways to obtain meat, what do Moche hunting scenes show?
 - What kind of pose is used throughout Andean art to depict a shaman?
 - Why were shamans often survivors of terrible diseases?
 - How does shamanism promote female spiritual leaders?
 - What owl symbolism particularly relates to the shaman? How does the owl serve as an ideal model for Moche sacrifice?
 - Did the Moche create textiles? How many exist today?