Frozen in Heaven

Note: This program contains information about child sacrifice. You should preview the program to determine its appropriateness for your classroom.

NOVA accompanies anthropologist Johan Reinhard as he journeys to the 5,639-meter (18,500-foot) peak of Saya Saya in southern Peru in search of evidence of capa cocha, a ritual in which the Incas were said to sacrifice their own children to the gods.

- The program describes Spanish chronicles that detail Inca life and beliefs.
- Archaeologists ascend the mountain in search of evidence of the chronicled, but never proven, ritual. Observations of several bodies discovered earlier support the ritual’s existence, including a boy found frozen in the Chilean mountains, a girl found frozen on Mt. Ampato in Peru, and a boy found on Mt. Aconcaqua in Argentina.
- The program ends with the discovery of Sarita, a girl buried 500 years ago.

Researchers unearth the body of Sarita from her sacrificial burial ground on Saya Saya.