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Book Title and Author: *"My Librarian Is a Camel" by Margriet Ruurs*

Article Title: *Peru*

Monday

1: What is the main idea of the text you read? Use key details (2) in your response.

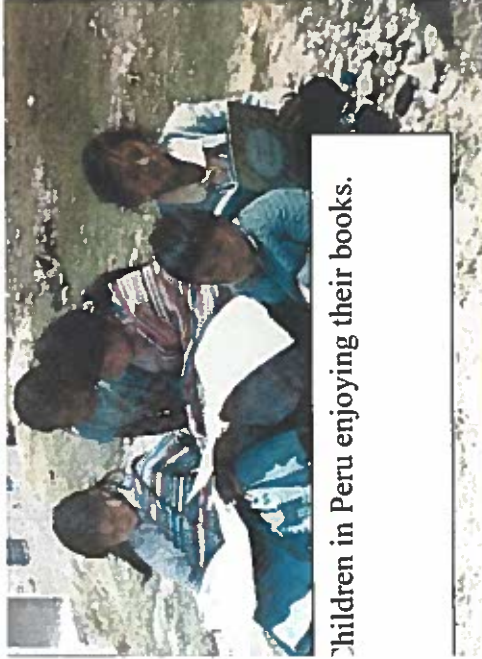
Wednesday

4) What do the illustrations (photographs, maps) tell you? How do they help you to understand the text?

5) In the following sentence, the word *innovative* most likely means...
Children in Peru can receive their books in several different, *innovative* ways.

- a) inventive
- b) fun
- c) uncreative
- d) cool





Children in Peru enjoying their books.



Peru

Children in Peru can receive their books in several different, innovative ways.

CEDILI – IBBY Peru is an institution that delivers books in bags to families in Lima. Each bag contains twenty books, which families can keep for a month. The books come in four different reading levels so that children really learn how to read. The Project in Spanish is called *El Libro Compartido en Familia* and enables parents to share the joy of books with their children.

How are Books Delivered?

In small, rural communities, books are delivered in wooden suitcases and plastic bags. These suitcases and bags contain books that the community can keep and share for the next three months. The number of books in each suitcase depends on the size of the community. There are no library buildings in these small towns,



Republic of Peru
Capital: Lima
Estimated Population: 28, 000, 000

Peru, located in South America, borders the South Pacific Ocean, between Ecuador and Chile. The tropical coast, the Andes Mountains, and the Amazon River make Peru a diverse and interesting country. The Peruvian people speak Spanish. Quechua is the country's other official language. Peru's history includes the Inca civilization, which occupied much of the South American continent five hundred years ago.

and people gather outside, in the plaza, to see the books they can check out. In the coastal regions, books are sometimes delivered by donkey cart. The books are stores in the reading promoter's home.

In the ancient city of Cajamarca, reading promoters from various rural areas select and receive a large collection of books for their area. The program is called *Aspaderuc*. The reading promoter lends these books to his or her neighbors, and after three months, a new selection of books goes out to each area. Books in this system are for children and adults.

And last but not least, *Fe Y Alegria* brings a collection of children's books to rural schools. The books are brought from school to school by a wagon. The children, who are excited about browsing through the books when they arrive, are turning into avid readers.



Some Peruvian readers receive their books by donkey cart.