



El cuy



Cuy in the Andes cultures



How much do you know about cuys?

1. Cuys are originally from...

- a. Equatorial Guinea b) The Andes region c) Guyana

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2. Cuys lifespan is between...

- a. 7 to 9 years b) 9 to 12 years c) 12 to 15 years

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3. Cuys are herbivores, they love...

- a. Alfalfa and bugs b) fruits and grass c) Bugs and hay

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4. Cuys begin having pups at... of age

- a) Two months b) six months c) one year

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5. Cuys' gestation period is about...

- a. 30 days b) 50 days c) 70 days

c) 70 days

6. Cuys' "popcorning" means...

- a. They are angry b) they are convulsing c) they are excited

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Cuy meat compared to others

	cuy	chicken	beef	pork
Protein	20 %	18 %	17 %	14 %
Fats	7.8 %	9.3 %	21 %	37 %

What does it take to raise cuys?

Why would countries like China and Japan promote the consumption of cuys?

Think -Pair -Share

After watching the two short videos presented, think about how 'cuys' compare and contrast with any other animal in the American culture. Be prepared to share some specific examples.

What are two main roles of cuys in ancient Inca times and in modern indigenous communities?

How are cuys viewed in the Andes? What do they do with them? What is the view of most Americans? What is yours?

What are some animals we treat in the a similar way here in the U.S.?

Conclusion?

[Guinea Pigs in Ecuador](#)

[Guinea Pigs in Perú](#)

“Love And Roast Chicken” by Barbara K. Nutson



amigo mío: *my friend*

bueno, está bien: *ok, all right*

¡caramba!: *exclamation of surprise*

compadre: *a form to address a male friend*

pobrecito: *poor thing*

¡qué ridículo! *ridiculous!*

¡qué tramposo! *what a trickster/cheater*



Tío Antonio
Uncle Antonio

fuego: *fire*