

QUEST 8-3

THE INCA: MOUNTAIN EMPIRE

NOTE: Unless you have earned the MAGIC QUILL power-up, these notes must be COPIED ON YOUR OWN PAPER.

Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p>Inca Beginnings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Started in the Andes Mountains around Lake Titicaca• Their bodies adapted to harsh climate (larger lungs and short, strong legs). <p>Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15,000 miles of road connected all the parts of the empire (enough to stretch across the United States 5 times)• They cut steps into the sides of mountains to make trade and travel easier• suspension bridges made of twisted grass rope. <p>Terraces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incans used terraces just like the Mayans.• Grew different crops at different altitudes (heights).• They needed to do this to provide enough food. <p>Stonework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• no mortar or cement was needed.• a knife blade could not fit between stones• Many Inca buildings are still standing. <p>Sapa Inca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• descended from Inti, had complete authority.• Married sister to keep bloodline pure.• Chose heir from her children. <p>Nobles & Everyone Else</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nobles enforced laws (made sure Incas wore proper clothes and kept their houses clean)• Almost everyone else farmed<ul style="list-style-type: none">– potatoes (200 types)– corn (eaten fresh, fried, or popped) <p>Family Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ayllus – groups of families who worked and maintained part of the emperor’s land.• Food was collected and given to whoever needed it.• Marriage by holding hands and exchanging sandals.• The dead were mummified and continued to “live” with the family.

Religious Life

- many gods and elaborate rituals
- Like the Aztec and Maya, the Sun god (Inti) was important.
- Gold (sweat of the sun) was a big part of Inca art and worship.
- They would throw corn in the fire and say, “Eat this, lord sun, so that you will know we are your children.”
- They sacrificed corn, llamas, guinea pigs, and children.