

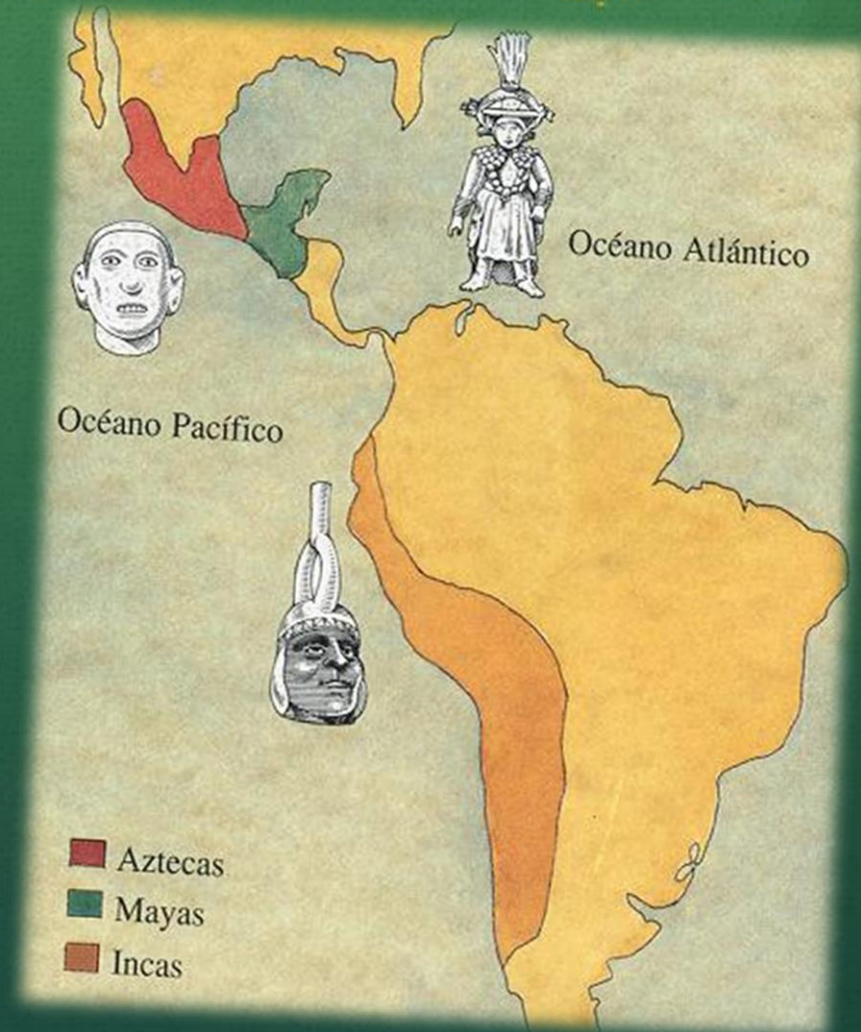
Incan Civilization in the Andes

Lesson Objectives:

93. Describe and locate on a map where the Incan civilization developed. (5)
94. Explain the geography of the Incan Empire. (7)
95. Describe the organizational structure of Incan civilization. (10)
96. List and describe three ways that the Inca united their empire. (8)
97. Describe the Incan road network. (10)
98. List four contributions made by Incan culture. (10)

93. Describe and locate on a map where the Incan civilization developed.

- Incan Civilization developed in the Andes Mountains on the West Coast of South America.
- There were many cultures inhabiting this area before the Inca united them all into one empire.



94. Explain the geography of the Incan Empire.

- The Inca empire stretched nearly 2,500 miles along the western edge of South America.
- The west coast is a flat dry desert.
- Further inland are some fertile plateaus.
- The Andes Mountains rise sharply just over a hundred miles inland.



95. Describe the organizational structure of Incan civilization.



- In A.D. 1438 a skilled warrior named Pachacuti Inca Yupanqui proclaimed himself Sapa Inca, or emperor.
- The Sapa Inca held absolute power.
- He claimed to be divine and that he was the son of the Sun God.
- Everything was owned by the emperor. People had no personal property.
- Little to no trade as a result.

Where in the world is the Inca civilization?



96. List and describe three ways that the Inca united their empire.

1. They would often ask neighboring tribes to join them. Allowing their leaders to live in the capital at Cuzco. If they refused they were conquered.
2. People from all the different cultures in the empire lived in the capital.
3. Extensive road network.



97. Describe the Incan road network.



- Created one of history's greatest road networks.
- 14,000 miles through mountains and deserts.
- Allowed armies to move quickly through the empire.
- Runners sent messages quickly to the emperor.
- Roads were for official use only. Common people were not allowed to use them.



98. List four contributions made by Incan culture.



1. Had to farm on the side of mountains. Built step terraces to cultivate crops.
2. Mastered metalworking- used common metals for useful objects; rare metals used for decoration.
3. Weaving- sheered llamas and alpacas to make clothing.
4. Medical advances- operated on the human skull- used drugs to make patient unconscious.