Essential Question
How were the Incas able to build such a huge empire so quickly?

Background Knowledge
- Short readings on who the Inca were and where they were located
- Discussion of elements that make a civilization or empire remarkable

Sources 1-3
- Virtual tour of Machu Picchu
- Image of a quipu recording device
- Video: Inca grass bridge

Strategy Instructions:
- Evidence Log
- See-Think-Wonder
- What makes you say that?
- Carousel Strategy
- Link to Supporting Documents

Additional Sources
- Online virtual exhibits
- Interview with a professor of anthropology
- Map of the Inca road system
- Primary source description of the Inca from a Spanish conquistador

Discussion
- Why is travel and transportation important to societies? How does it help them develop and grow?
- What systems of communication do we have today? Why is a system for communication important for helping societies develop and grow?
- How should we remember the achievements of groups like the Inca?

Assessment
In order to answer the question, “How do we best preserve the achievements of past civilizations?” students can create a museum exhibit of important Inca achievements. As part of their exhibit, students should justify which achievements and artifacts they are including in the exhibit, and why they are worthy of preserving and sharing with others.