

Essential Question

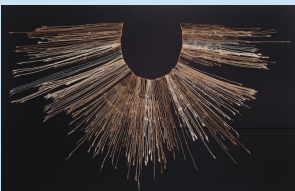
How were the Incas able to build such a huge empire so quickly?

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.