

Aim: What were the main features of the Incan Society?

Notes

I. Incas

- a. Empire located in the Andes Mountains
- b. Had the largest empire around 2,000 miles
- c. Stretched from Equator to Chile and Argentina
- d. Capital was Cuzco, Peru

II. Incan Society

- a. Used a professional army
- b. Had a bureaucratic government
- c. Complex system of roads and tunnels
- d. Used for running communication and the armies
- e. No large animals, all human labor
- f. Used terrace farming
- g. Not a tribute empire
- h. Instead used mandatory community public works and projects called mita
- i. Allyu: extended family that worked together for a common good
- j. No writing system used Quipus, system of knots on cotton cords with different colors, each used to hold different information
- k. Mainly used to keep data on population, taxes, harvests and the economy

III. Incan Religion

- a. Polytheistic
- b. Sun god was main god
- c. Not much human sacrifice, did sacrifice animals like Llamas and guinea pigs
- d. Stressed morality
- e. Incan rulers considered gods, and mummified
- f. Famous temple: Machu Pichu

IV Decline

- a. 1525 civil war broke out, weakened military
- b. Internal weakness
- c. Invasions
- d. Francisco Pizarro destroyed Incan civilization
- e. Small Pox and new weapons of Spanish helped end the Inca's