

## Week 9

If the Spanish had not conquered the Inca Empire for another one hundred years, I believe that the empire would have grown even more than it did during its time. The Framework textbook talks about how the small kingdom was centered in the city of Cuzco but grew slowly through the next two centuries. The textbook stated that despite a smaller population than the Aztec Empire, the Incas ruled a far more extensive territory and built a system that was not designed to foster resentment and resistance like the Aztec Empire. If the Incas had one hundred more years, they would have had the chance to become stronger and more unified. The empire would have had the resources and people to build a stabilized and well-respected empire making it more difficult for the Spanish to come in and conquer the kingdom. If the Inca Empire had more time to build a stable hierarchy and military, they would have been seen as more respectful and threatening if they tried to take over from the Spanish. The Inca Empire used knives and spears during the war, while the Spanish used guns. If they were granted one hundred years, they would have been able to improve their weapons, giving them a shot if war did break out. If the one hundred years had been granted, the Spanish would have viewed them as an Empire to network goods with instead of an Empire easy enough to conquer.