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### Research and Writing Assignment: Week 10

In imagining an alternate history where the Inca Empire continued to expand for another century until 1632, we have to consider various factors that contributed to the empire's rise and eventual downfall. The Inca's governance system, economy, and social hierarchy were major aspects for the empire's success and expansion, and that these factors would have further strengthened the empire's power and made it more challenging for the Spanish to conquer. However, the Spanish arrived in the Americas with advanced weaponry and military tactics, which gave them a significant advantage over the Inca. Therefore, to secure the empire from European takeover, the Inca would have needed to strengthen their military capabilities, particularly in terms of technology and tactics. They would also have needed to improve their diplomatic and political relations with neighboring tribes and empires to form alliances and build a more extensive network of support. Overall if the Inca Empire had continued to expand for another century, it's likely that it could have developed successful networks and hierarchies, which would have made it more challenging for the Spanish to conquer.

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