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Around the time of the 1100's, the Incas started to exist independently as they created a small kingdom centered in the city of Cuzco, which was the important ceremonial and administrative base. If the Inca Empire had a hundred additional years to develop further before the Spanish invasion in 1532, there would be some differences and advancements. The first thing that would be different in an alternate history would be that the Inca's population would have been larger. When the Spanish invaded the Inca Empire they brought disease which killed a large quantity of the Incan population. If the Incan population had been able to remain, an altered history would have the Incan Empire large enough to ward off the Spanish invasion. The extensive system of roadways that went across the kingdom that made significant advancements in daily messaging would have made the Inca Empire even more productive. The Inca Empire's successful agricultural system that was in place when the Spanish invaded would have had more time to develop before it was dismantled and dissolved by the Spanish takeover.

In an alternate history, a delayed invasion of the Spanish would have allowed the Inca Empire to be able to generate wealth from their unique gold and silver creations that were melted down and sent back to Europe by the Spanish. The gold and silver would still be in the Inca society with more being created and would have produced a strong economic empire. The Inca people would not have been subjected to heavy manual labor taxes administered by the Spanish and they would not have been required by every household to donate one member to work in the

extremely hazardous gold and silver mines. Impressive shrines were built throughout the Inca kingdom, including a massive Sun Temple in Cusco, they also developed sophisticated calendars, elaborate textiles, functional and decorative ceramics, and surgical techniques. The Spanish system destroyed the Inca traditions, without the invasion the Inca Empire could have grown in leadership with religious officials filling out the Incan administrative hierarchy. The Incas would have continued the worship of the Sun God with their traditions.

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