

Research Essay

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An alternate history based on the extension of the Inca Empire for another 100 years would allow the Incas to get stronger. I think they would have expanded far enough to ward off the Spanish invasion since the Incas would expand their territory and network by marriage (pp. 350). Apart from them creating marriage alliances, anyone that became apart of their society were taught Inca ideology (pp. 352), children included, which kept them unified as Incas due to the same ideology among all of the people. They also had a separate governor for each region which allows for leadership expansion (pp. 350). With growing territory and alliances, this creates more warriors within the civilization which mean more manpower to fight. Warrior status was a crucial class marker within the class hierarchy (pp. 350).

Some factors within the Inca society that would have to be strengthened would be their weaponry. They used a limited amount of bronze for tools and weaponry which is not a very strong material (pp. 349). Their main choice of material for weaponry was stone and wood, which did not stand against the Spanish's weaponry of metal swords, guns, and cannons. Their agriculture need some work as well. Llamas were their animal of choice for farming (pp. 350) but they weren't strong enough to plow, setting this civilization back compared to other civilizations that use cattle for plowing.

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