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The Inca Empire was a growing nation apart of the Andes. It had a mixture of Meso-American and Andean culture which made the empire unique. Although it was smaller than the Aztec Empire of Mexico, it was still very established and consisted of a lot of land. Their social structure was well organized and split into a main city, Cuzco, and then four provinces: North-east, North-west, South-east, and South-West. Similar to other societies and empires, the Incas had their own form religion that revolved around a Sun God. During the time of the empire, they were able to build roads and bridges, establish an educational system for the children of the empire, and could almost be compared to the early Roman Empire. However, all of their growth and progress was lost when the Spanish came and invaded.

If the Inca Empire would have lasted just a 100 more years, I think they would have been able to ward off the Spanish somewhat. I think that eventually they probably still would have lost, but they would have been able to put up a better fight. In order to do this though, they would have to strengthen their military and leadership. I think they also would have had to increase their population. Since their population was already small, only 8 million people, it was probably easier for the Spanish to come in since there wasn't that many people. Through populating, you would have more people to be in the military, more people to help govern the empire, more people to make resources, etc. I also think that if they would have had more connections with other empires and city-states, they could have had more support in fighting off the Spanish. The Inca Empire also would have to develop new technologies and stronger weapons to match those of the Spanish/Europeans. The empire was not as nearly technologically advanced as Europeans were during that time. Overall, I'm not exactly sure that the Inca Empire would have completely survived if they would have had an extra 100 years. Although it sounds like a lot of time, they would have to had to do a lot in just 100 years. It should also be taken into consideration that during those 100 years, the Spanish could strengthen and progress as well. So, no matter they probably still would have lost their empire to the Spanish.

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