

Versus!

Aztec vs. Inca



Read about the Aztecs in "*The Aztecs Build an Empire*" p. 410-413 and "*Science, Art and Language*" p.419-421, and the Inca in "*Central Government and Language*" p. 424, "*Economy*" p. 424-425, "*Religion*" p. 429, and "*Building, Art and Oral Literature*" on p. 430-431.

Use that information to complete the chart below. Figure out which civilization did each achievement and award them points. At the end add them up to determine which was more advanced.

Achievement	Point Value	Aztec	Inca
Built causeways to connect their island to the shore.	15		
Built rope bridges to cross rivers and canyons	20		
Preserved their kings as mummies	5		
Used turquoise in much of their art	5		
Knew of over 100 plants to use as medicine	15		
Built pyramids	10		
Created a type of book known as a codex	15		
Spoke the language known as Quechua	15		
Kept records using ropes known as quipus	15		
Organized their trade with markets	15		
Built the city of Machu Picchu on top of a mountain	20		
Famous for their textiles (products made of wool)	10		
Created a calendar like the Mayan one	10		
Built huge stone buildings without using cement	20		
Built a road system	25		
Built chinampas to provide more farmland	25		
Built a life-sized corn field out of silver and gold	5		
	Total		

Answer the questions below in complete sentences after completing the chart. You may write your answers on the back of this sheet.

1. Based on the point totals which civilization appears to have been more advanced? Do you agree that civilization was more advanced? Why?

2. Would you rather have lived in the Aztec or Inca Empire? Why?

3. Which of the Achievements above do you feel is most important? Why?

4. Choose one item in the list that you think should have a higher point value. Why do you think that item is so important?