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Inca Empire Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. Where was the Inca capital located?

- (A) At Santiago, in the central valley of present-day Chile
- (B) At Lima, on the Pacific coast of present-day Peru
- (C) At Tiwanaku, on Lake Titicaca in present-day Bolivia
- (D) At Cusco, high in the Andes of present-day Peru

2. Who is considered the true founder of the Inca Empire?

- (A) Huayna Capac
- (B) Huascar
- (C) Pachacuti
- (D) Atahualpa

3. What was remarkable about Machu Picchu?

- (A) It was built on the Pacific coast to serve as the main Inca seaport
- (B) It was built without iron tools, and its finest walls need no mortar
- (C) It was the capital city where every Inca emperor was crowned
- (D) It was the largest Inca city, with more than 100,000 residents

4. What were quipus?

- (A) Relay runners used to carry messages along the roads
- (B) Knotted strings used to record census data and tribute
- (C) Rope bridges used to cross the deep gorges of the Andes
- (D) Stone storehouses used to keep food along the roads

5. What weakened the Inca Empire just before the Spanish arrived?

(A) A disease epidemic killed the emperor, and his sons fought a civil war
(B) The Chimu Kingdom invaded and captured the city of Cusco
(C) A long drought ruined the harvest, and the roads were abandoned
(D) An earthquake destroyed Cusco, and the emperor fled north

6. How did Pizarro capture Atahualpa in 1532?

(A) He defeated him in a three-day open battle outside Cusco
(B) He trapped him at Machu Picchu after a siege of several months
(C) He ambushed him at Cajamarca with 168 soldiers, guns, and horses
(D) He paid Inca generals to hand him over at the port of Lima

7. What happened after the Inca filled a room with gold and silver as ransom?

(A) Pizarro freed Atahualpa as promised and sailed back to Spain
(B) Pizarro kept Atahualpa in prison in Cusco for the rest of his life
(C) Pizarro sent Atahualpa to Spain to stand trial before the king
(D) Pizarro executed Atahualpa anyway and moved to seize Cusco

8. What combination of factors ended the Inca Empire?

(A) European diseases, an Inca civil war, and Spanish conquest
(B) European diseases, a war with the Maya, and a volcanic eruption
(C) Spanish conquest, an Aztec invasion, and a great earthquake
(D) A long drought, a failed harvest, and a peasant uprising

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1. **D** At Cusco, high in the Andes of present-day Peru

2. **C** Pachacuti

3. **B** It was built without iron tools, and its finest walls need no mortar

4. **B** Knotted strings used to record census data and tribute

5. **A** A disease epidemic killed the emperor, and his sons fought a civil war

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7. **D** Pizarro executed Atahualpa anyway and moved to seize Cusco

8. **A** European diseases, an Inca civil war, and Spanish conquest