1438 – 1533

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Inca Empire timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Inca Settle in Cusco**
According to Inca tradition, Manco Capac and Mama Ocllo, children of the sun god Inti, lead the Inca people to the valley of Cusco in the Andes of present-day Peru.

☐ **Execution of Atahualpa**
After the Inca fill a room with gold and silver as ransom, Pizarro executes Atahualpa anyway and moves to occupy the capital Cusco.

☐ **Fall of the Inca Empire**
Spanish forces seize Cusco; the Inca Empire effectively ends, though the last Inca resistance holds out in the mountains until 1572.

☐ **Pizarro Captures Atahualpa**
Francisco Pizarro meets Atahualpa at Cajamarca with 168 soldiers and ambushes him; thousands of Atahualpa's mostly unarmed followers are killed and Atahualpa is captured.

☐ **Empire at Its Height**
The Tawantinsuyu — the Four Quarters of the World — stretches from modern-day Colombia to central Chile, containing an estimated 10 to 12 million people.

☐ **Smallpox and Civil War**
An epidemic, probably smallpox, spreads ahead of the Spanish and kills the Inca emperor Huayna Capac; his sons Huascar and Atahualpa later fight a devastating civil war for control.

☐ **Pachacuti Begins Conquest**
Pachacuti defeats an invasion by the rival Chanka people and transforms the Inca from a small regional kingdom into an expansionist empire.

☐ **The Inca Road Network**
The Inca expand and link older roads into a network of nearly 25,000 miles connecting Cusco to the far corners of the empire, including rope bridges across Andean gorges.

☐ **Conquest of the Chimu**
The Inca conquer the powerful Chimu Kingdom on the Pacific coast, adding thousands of skilled artisans and a sophisticated irrigation system to the empire.

☐ **Machu Picchu Built**
The Inca construct a royal estate and religious site at Machu Picchu, high in the Andes at nearly 8,000 feet above sea level.

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~1200 — 1. Inca Settle in Cusco

1438 — 2. Pachacuti Begins Conquest

~1450 — 3. Machu Picchu Built

~1460 — 4. The Inca Road Network

~1470 — 5. Conquest of the Chimu

~1500 — 6. Empire at Its Height

~1527 — 7. Smallpox and Civil War

1532 — 8. Pizarro Captures Atahualpa

1533 — 9. Execution of Atahualpa

1533 — 10. Fall of the Inca Empire