**Inca Society Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[What was ancient Inca society like? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/inca-society-reading/)

1. When did the Inca Empire flourish?
2. Where was the Inca Empire located?
3. How far did the empire stretch at its height?
4. Who was at the very top of the Inca social pyramid?
5. How was the Sapa Inca viewed in terms of divinity?
6. Who were close to the Sapa Inca in the social hierarchy?
7. Who came just below the royalty in the Inca social structure?
8. How were the Inca nobles categorized?
9. What was the basic unit of Inca society?
10. What was the purpose of the ayllu system?
11. Who made up the majority of the Inca population?
12. What were the responsibilities of the commoners?
13. How were the commoners compensated for their labor?
14. What was the "mita" system?
15. Who were at the bottom of the Inca social ladder?
16. Who were the yanaconas?
17. Did the yanaconas belong to any ayllu?
18. How did the Inca social structure contribute to the empire's longevity?
19. Who had the role of maintaining the stability and prosperity of the Inca civilization?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*How did the hierarchical social structure of the Inca Empire contribute to its success?*