**Inca Religion Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Sun gods, sacred sites, and human sacrifice: The unsettling world of ancient Inca religion - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/inca-religion-reading/)

1. Where was the Inca Empire located?
2. What is the Inca Empire renowned for?
3. What was at the heart of the Inca civilization?
4. Who was considered the most powerful deity in the Inca pantheon?
5. How did the connection between the Sun God and Inca royalty benefit the rulers?
6. Who was Viracocha in Inca legends?
7. Where did Viracocha emerge from according to Inca legends?
8. What was Pachamama responsible for?
9. Why did the Incas make offerings to Pachamama?
10. Who often led the religious ceremonies in Inca life?
11. What was the Inti Raymi?
12. What were the common offerings in Inca sacrifices?
13. Why did the Incas make these offerings?
14. What was the purpose of Machu Picchu?
15. Where is the Coricancha located?
16. To whom was the Coricancha originally dedicated?
17. What symbolized the sun's radiant glow in the Coricancha?
18. How did the Incas view their gods, spirits, and ancestors in their daily lives?
19. What did Viracocha teach the first humans?
20. What were the religious ceremonies in Inca life often accompanied by?

**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 Inca religious beliefs reinforce the authority and significance of the Inca rulers in society?*