**Inca Expansion Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[How the Incas built a vast empire in the Andes - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/inca-expansion-reading/)

1. When did the Inca Empire exist in South America?
2. What was the size of the Inca Empire in comparison to other empires in the pre-Columbian Americas?
3. What were the main reasons for the rapid expansion of the Inca Empire?
4. Where did the Inca Empire begin?
5. How did the early Incas start in the region?
6. By the early 1400s, what territory did the Incas control?
7. Who was Pachacuti?
8. How did Pachacuti impact the Inca military?
9. Under Pachacuti's leadership, where did the empire expand to?
10. Who succeeded Pachacuti as the Sapa Inca?
11. Under Tupac's leadership, into which modern-day countries did the empire expand?
12. Who was the successor of Tupac Inca Yupanqui?
13. How far did the Inca Empire stretch by the time of Huayna Capac's death in 1527?
14. What challenges did the vast size of the empire bring?
15. Were the Incas successful in integrating all the regions they conquered?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*Why was Pachacuti's reign a* [*significant*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/significance/) *stage in the expansion and transformation of the Inca Empire?*