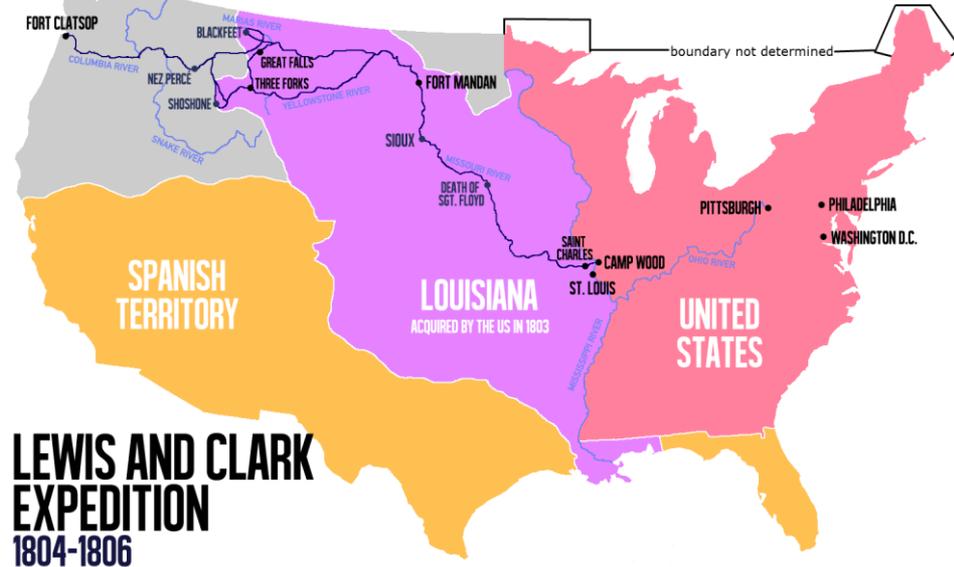




**Intro to World
Regions & World
Cultures**

Make a list of all the reasons that someone might make a map....

- To show where objects are
- To give directions
- To explain an area that someone else has never seen
- To show movement



What types of things can be mapped?

Physical Geography: the study of the physical features & climate of the earth.

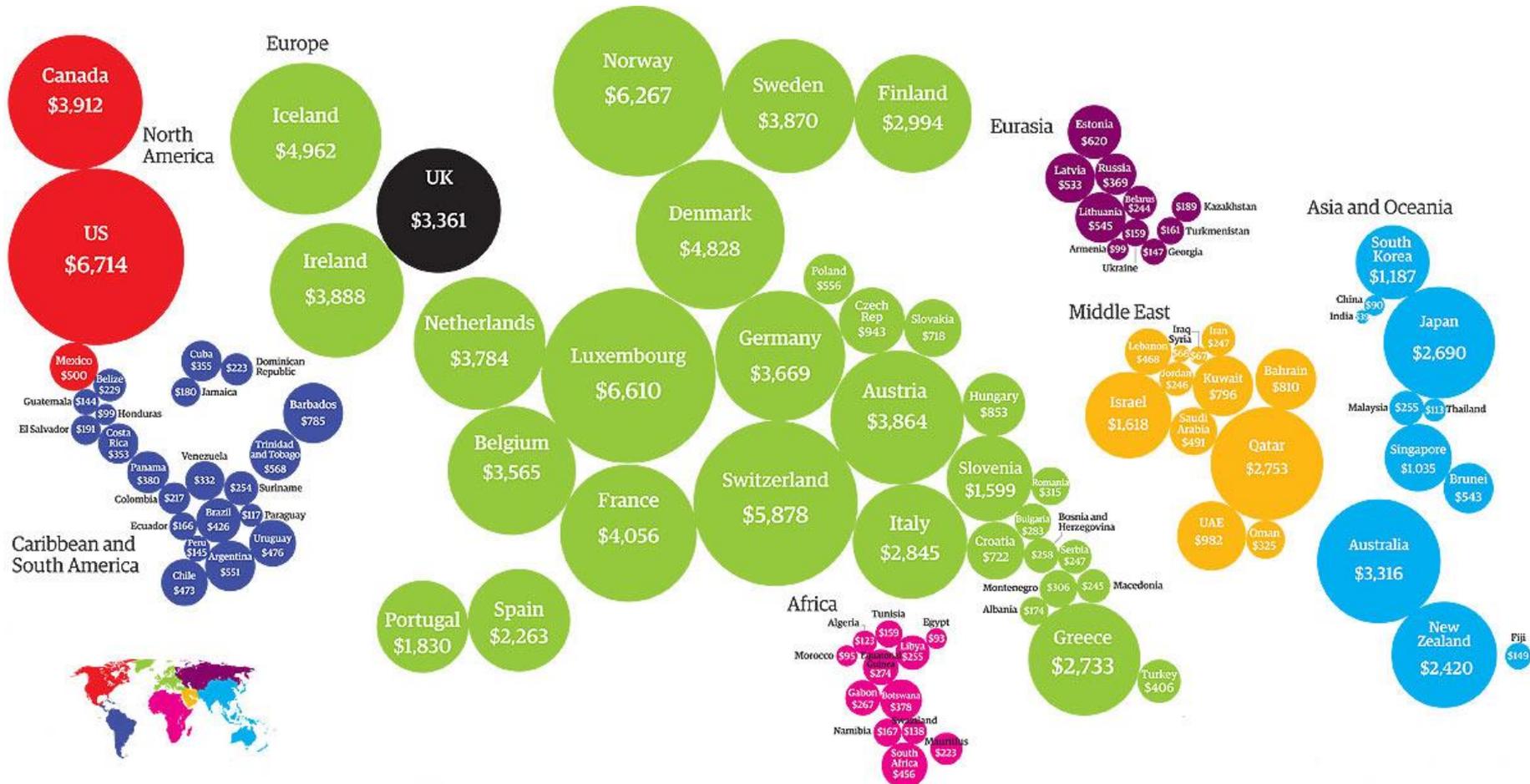
- topography
- climate
- plants
- animals

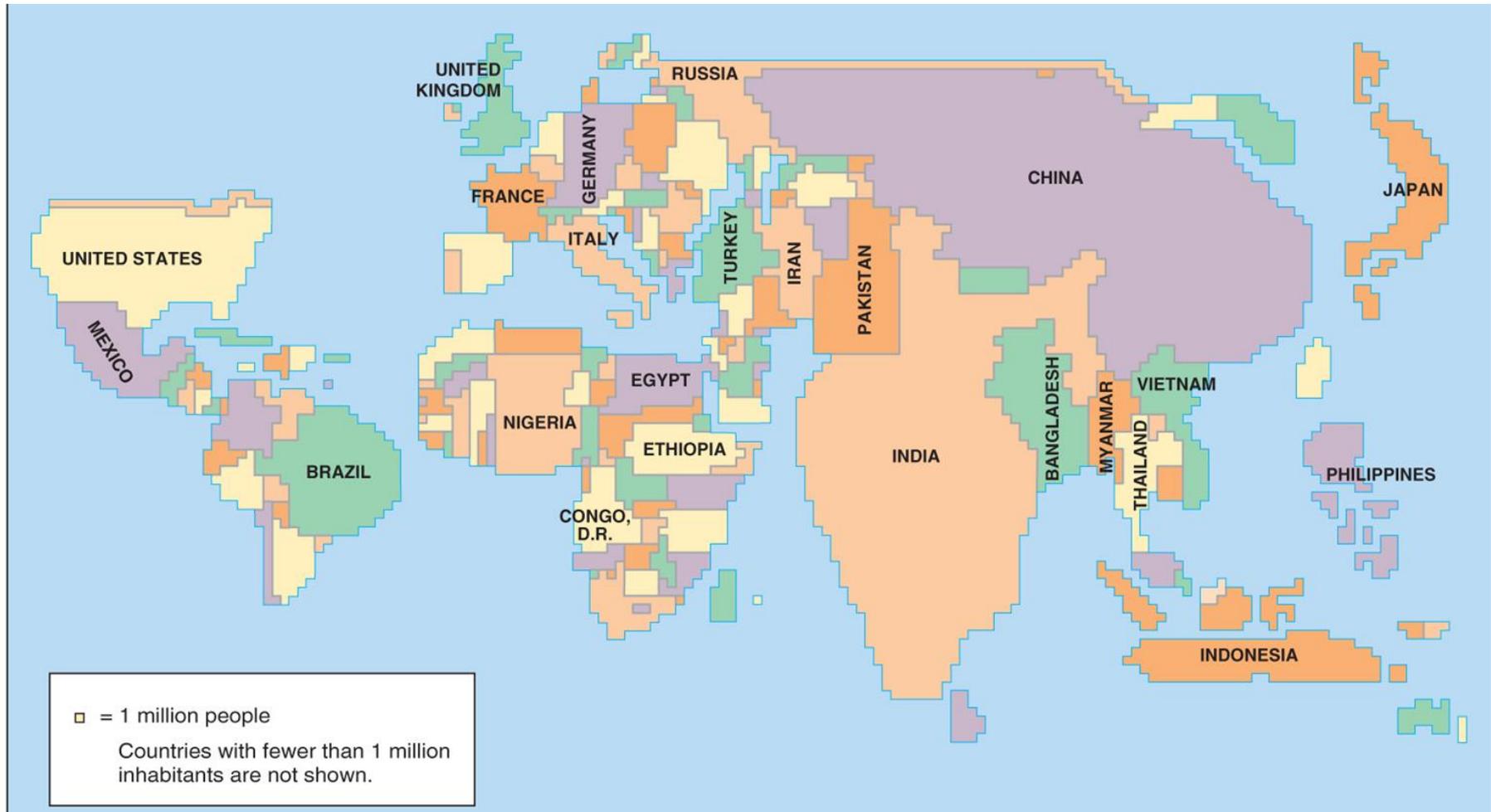


Human Geography: the study of where people are found on earth & why they're found there.

- culture
- population
- politics
- economics
- agriculture









Limitations...

Maps only show what we know *at the time they're made* (reflect the knowledge of time period)

Eratosthenes made the first world map according to the experiences of the Greeks



Make a list of factors that can be used to define a region.

Geography

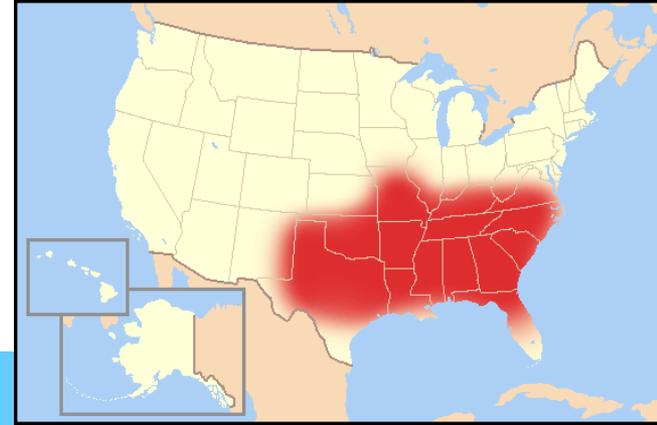
Climate

Culture

Religion

Language

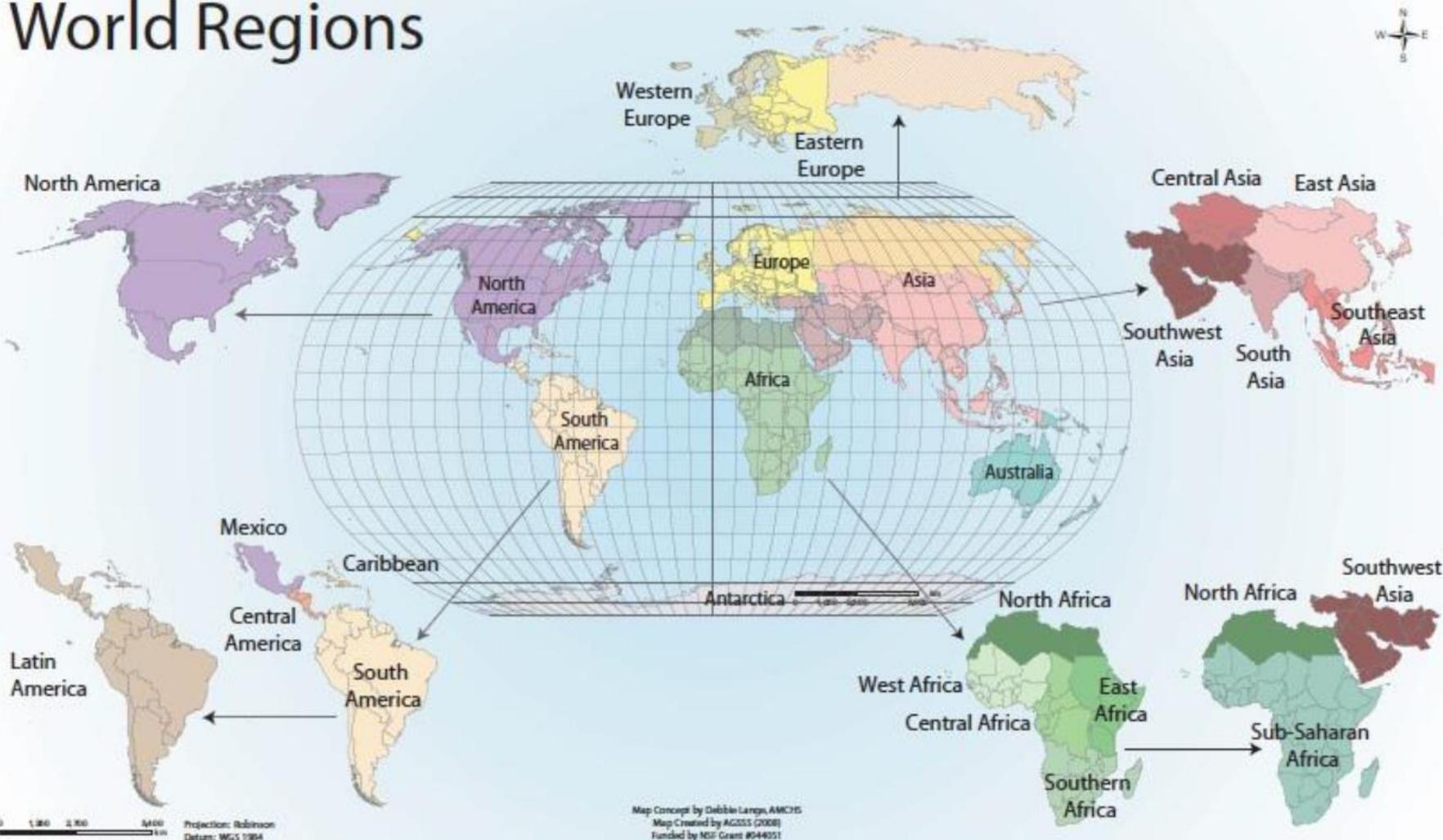
Governmental border



How would you divide the map into regions?



World Regions



With a partner, make a list of what you know about the history of North & South America

North America originally inhabited by many Native American tribes

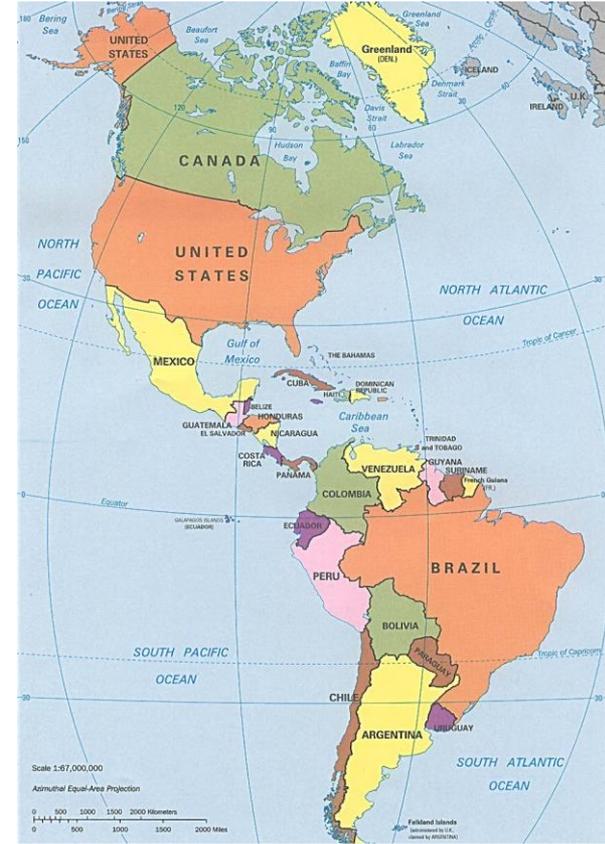
Famous empires include the Aztec & Inca

Disease caused by contact with explorers & settlers killed 95% of the population

Slave trade significantly impacted population development

Wide range of climates

Cultivation of rice & sugarcane during slaveholder years



North & South America Today

- 36 countries
- 19 territories (controlled by other countries)
- Large number of people of african descent in Brazil, SE Mexico, and islands



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Label your maps:

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Columbia

Ecuador

Brazil

Peru

Bolivia



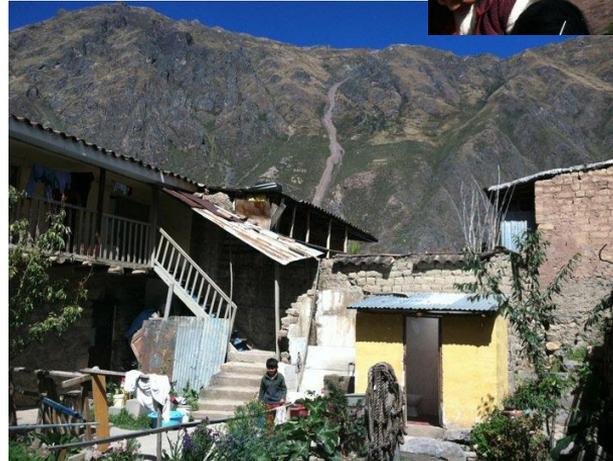
Draw the Amazon River on your maps.



Draw the Andes Mountain range on your maps.



People, culture, & history of the Incan Empire

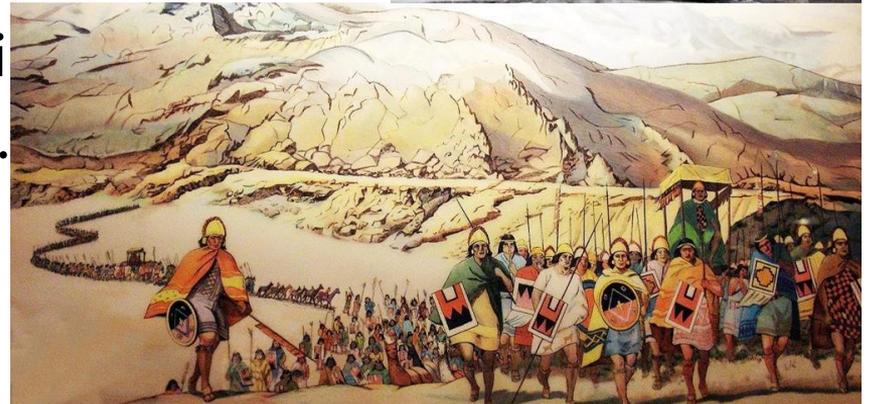


Who were they?

Originally a minor nomadic tribe in the andes mountains.

Led by great military strategist, diplomat, and warrior Pachacuti.

Nobility of Quechua speaking tribes were absorbed into the empire and assimilated the social structure of the empire.

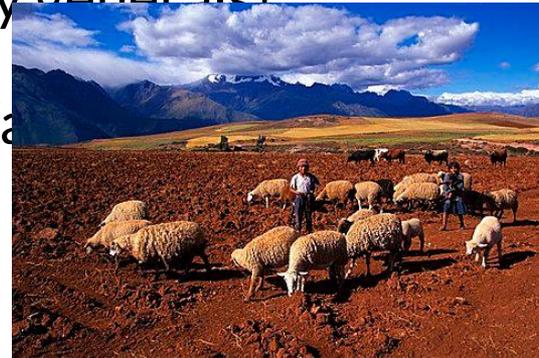


Social Structure

1. Ruler (sapa inca) & his wives (coya)
2. High Priest & Army commander in chief
3. Military commanders
4. Skilled jobs (architects, preists, army generals)
5. Common people (farmers, herding fa

Social structure dominated by military power and overall *usefulness* to the

kingdom



Architecture

The incas used stone as their building material. This is primarily because of their location in the mountains

Functionality was the primary purpose for all buildings.

Most buildings only had windows and doors, however some buildings are found with little trapezoidal openings in walls that may have served as shelves





Using your previous knowledge and today's notes, write 1 paragraph (5-7 sentences) comparing South American Incan people to the Native Americans of North America.