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The Inca Empire: Builders of the Sun

Short Answer Key

1. Pachacuti Inca Yupanqui expanded the Inca Empire through military conquests and a complex system of administration.
2. One of the Inca's engineering marvels is the Inca Trail, a network of roads and bridges that allowed travel through challenging mountainous terrain, including the path to Machu Picchu.
3. Francisco Pizarro played a significant role in the downfall of the Inca Empire by leading Spanish conquistadors and capturing the Inca ruler Atahualpa.
4. Machu Picchu holds significance in Inca history as an impressive archaeological site and is considered a UNESCO World Heritage site. It also plays a role in contemporary Andean culture and tourism.
5. The Inca civilization's legacy persists in the modern Andean region through aspects like the Quechua language, agricultural techniques, and cultural traditions.

