**Conquest of the Inca Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[How the Spanish destroyed the Inca Empire - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/spanish-conquest-of-the-inca-reading/)

1. How is the Inca Empire described in terms of its size and civilization in pre-Columbian America?
2. By the early 16th century, which modern-day countries did the Inca Empire cover?
3. Who led the group of Spanish conquistadors that challenged the Inca Empire in the 1530s?
4. Name one of the impressive cities built by the Incas.
5. What was a notable feature of the Inca's road system?
6. What internal problem was the Inca Empire facing when the Spanish arrived?
7. How did the division between Atahualpa and Huáscar affect the empire?
8. In which year did Francisco Pizarro and his soldiers arrive on the coast of Peru?
9. What were two advantages the Spanish had over the Incas?
10. What disease did the Spanish bring that affected the native population?
11. How did diseases like smallpox impact the Inca population?
12. Where was the Inca ruler, Atahualpa, captured by the Spanish?
13. What did Atahualpa offer the Spanish in exchange for his release?
14. What did the Spanish do to Atahualpa even after receiving the ransom?
15. Which city did the Spanish march towards after capturing Atahualpa?
16. Lima became the capital of which Spanish colony?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What were the main factors that led to the conquest of the Inca Empire by the Spanish?*