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Conquest:
The Accidental Conquerors

Guns, Germs, and Steel

Directions: Before viewing the film, read each question below so you know what information and ideas you should be looking for as you watch Episode 2: Conquest. Record your answers to each question by providing as many facts, details, and examples as possible to answer each question. Be prepared to discuss your answers with the class.

1. Briefly recap what gave the Europeans an enormous comparative advantage over the Native Americans.
2. At the time that the Spanish conquistador's invaded the Inca Empire, they were armed with state of the art weaponry. Describe this weaponry.
3. What is Diamond's explanation for why the Spanish had advanced to steel swords while the Incas were still making tools and weapons from bronze?
4. From whom did the Spanish acquire written language? How did it assist Pizarro in preparing for his encounter with Atahualpa (and the Inca's subsequent subjugation)? Why didn't the Incas develop writing?

