III. Inca (These notes were compiled by your classmates)

1. Empire
   1. Location- West coast south America in the Andes Mts., centered in present day Peru.
   2. Inti- Inca sun God
   3. Pachacuti- 1438 took Incan throne. The ninth saga Inca who transformed the city of Cusco into the Inca Empire
2. Government
   1. Central Bureaucracy- Split the empire up into smaller units, each ruled by a central bureaucracy.
   2. Road System
      1. Built a extensive road system that had two main arteries, one running through the Andes and one along the coast with smaller roads connecting them
      2. Chasquis- system of runners carrying messages
   3. Quechua- Inca imposed a single official language called Quechua (KEHCH-wuh)
   4. Cuzco- Capital
   5. Mita- labor tribute paid to the Inca by conquered groups
3. Economy
   1. Type- Form of socialism where people were expected to work for the state and were provided for in return.
   2. Lands- Divided lands into state lands, religious lands, and community lands in which the farmers worked.
4. Record Keeping
   1. Language- Quechua- 8 million people
   2. Quipu- a set of knotted strings that could be used to record data
   3. Calendar system- one for day and one for night. These provided info about the gods.
5. Religion
   1. Polytheistic
   2. King- Divine- appointed by gods