### Chapter 12 Daily Life – "Runners on the Royal Road"

Read pages 416 and 417 and answer the questions below.

1. What was the "Royal Road" or Incan road system?

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2. How did Incan road engineers design roads to meet the challenges of the empire’s geography?

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3. Why was the Royal Road important to the Incan Empire?

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5. How extensive was the Incan road network? Identify at least 3 details. (Page 414)

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6. Fill in the chart as you identify the activities and people along the Incan road system.

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### Incan Roads and Bridges

*The Inca built two main royal roads, which ran north-south. One ran through the Andes Mountains and the other stretched along the coast. Smaller crossroads connected to every Inca village. Rest houses, or tambos, were placed along the roads and were run by government officials. Many deep gorges separated Incan cities. So bridges were very important. Stone or wooden bridges were built to span streams. For wider gaps and gorges, the Inca built suspension bridges made from woven reeds. The Incan engineers were very talented. Some of their rope bridges were more than 300 feet long. One rope bridge, built over the Apurimac River, has been rebuilt each year for more than 500 years.*

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