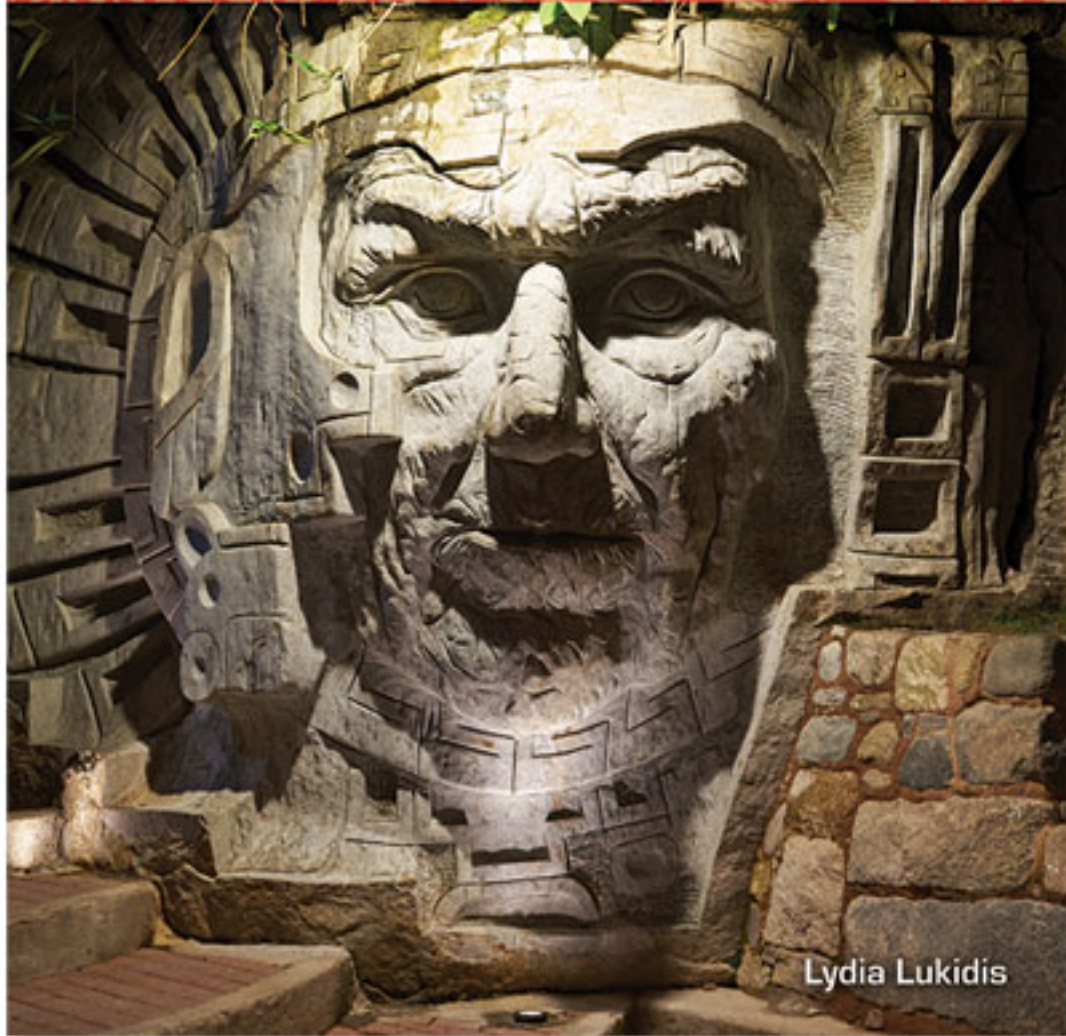



THE INCA EMPIRE



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AN EMPIRE RISES

How did this ancient culture begin? Nobody knows the exact answer. There are many **legends** (LEH•jendz), or stories from the past, about the early Incas. Legends may or may not be true.



This kind of ax was used by the Incas in some of their ceremonies.



Manco Cápac was the first leader of the Inca tribe. This is what he might have looked like.

Historians believe a man named Manco Cápac (MAHN•koh KAH•pahk) led the first Inca tribe. This was around the 12th century. The tribe lived in a small village in what is now southern Peru.