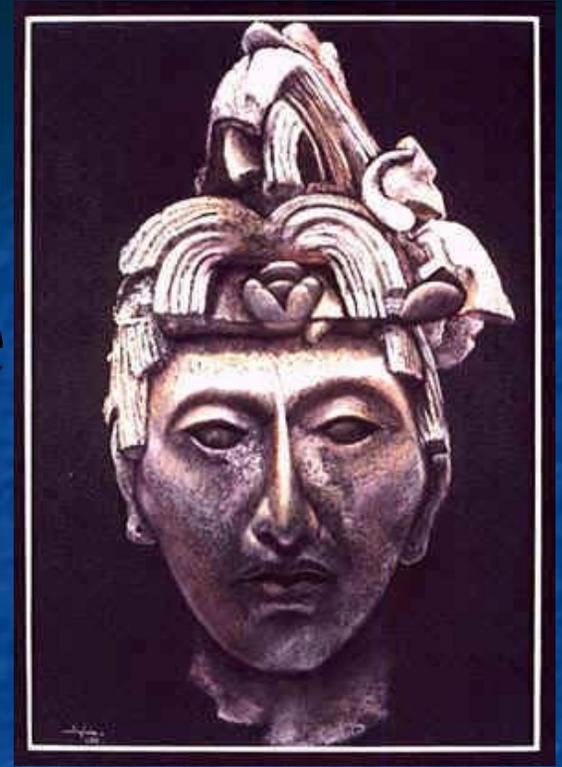




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Who is the greatest?



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Maya vs. Inca

Your quest for the answer

By Galina Tchourilova

Two ancient civilizations...



<http://www.ancientsculpturegallery.com/images/0532.jpg>



<http://students.hightechhigh.org/~rsheperd/inca/images/tumi.gif>

One from the Yucatan peninsula in Central America,
another from the western stretch of South America...



<http://www.latinamericanstudies.org/maya/maya-map.gif>



http://www.wadsworth.com/religion_d/special_features/popups/maps/matthews_world/images/w025.jpg

One barely lasted a century,
another more than six centuries...



http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/12/photogalleries/apocalypse/images/primary/NGM198709_322-4_BIG.jpg

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They spoke different languages,
lived in different climates...



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http://farm3.static.flickr.com/2321/2424803403_708185a937.jpg?v=0

They grew different foods using different agricultural methods...



<http://www.travelphoto.net/photos/pictures/peru/machu-picchu/machu-picchu-0001.jpg>



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They venerated different gods...

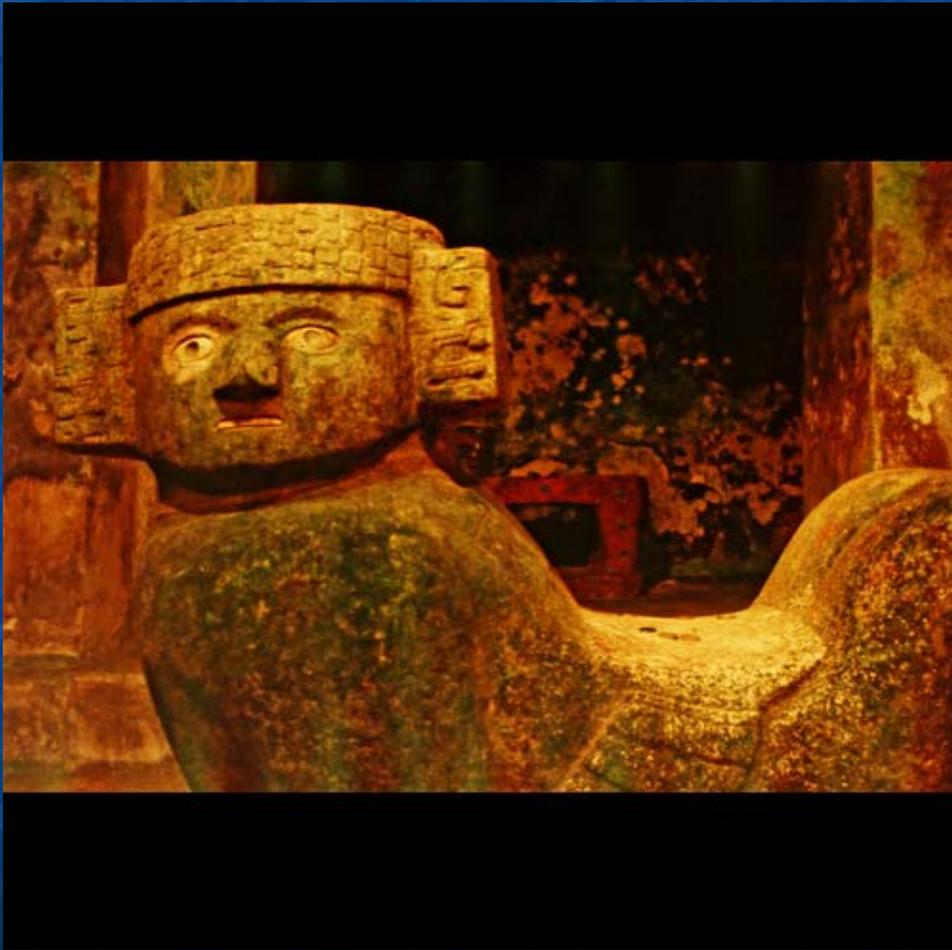


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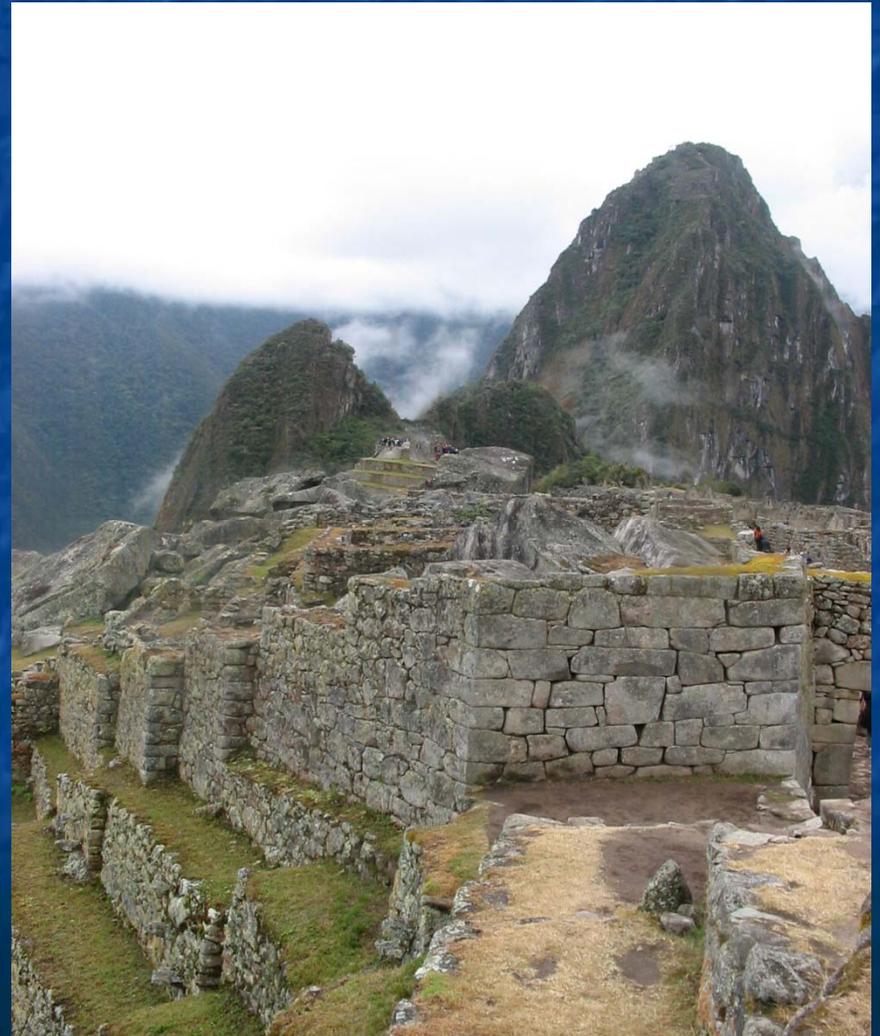
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And practiced human sacrifices...

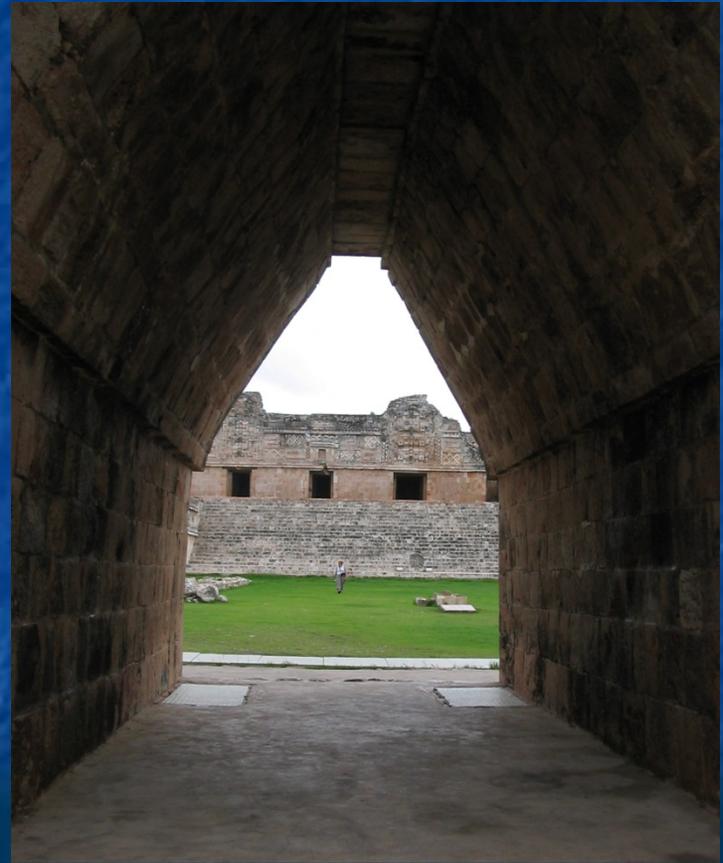


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Both had impressive architecture...



Both invented different types of arches...

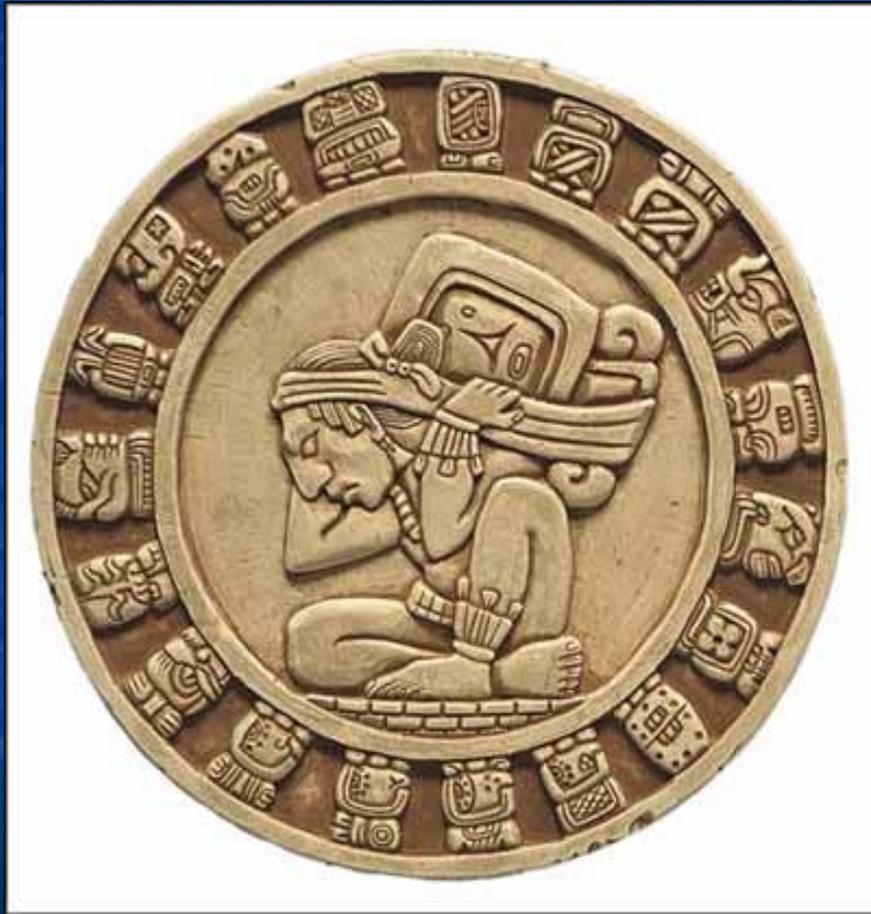


Both were great astronomers...



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One used the most precise calendar,
another invented a unique
record-keeping technique...



<http://www.mysticunicorn.com/graphics/P-5.jpg>



<http://www.mamani-inca.com/gallerie/khipu.JPG>

One culture developed the concept of zero,
 another built the most extensive road
 system at the time...

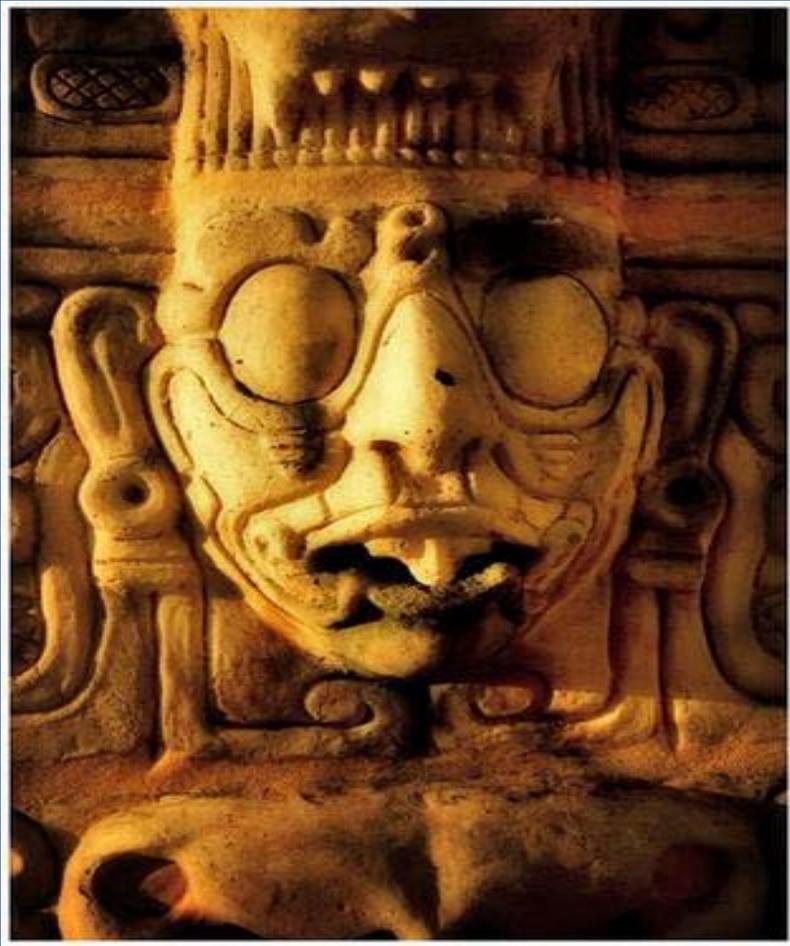
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<http://www.mathdaily.com/lessons/upload/thumb/e/e3/200px-Mexico.MayaNumeralTable.01.png>



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They both were great artists ...



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Potters...



Weavers...



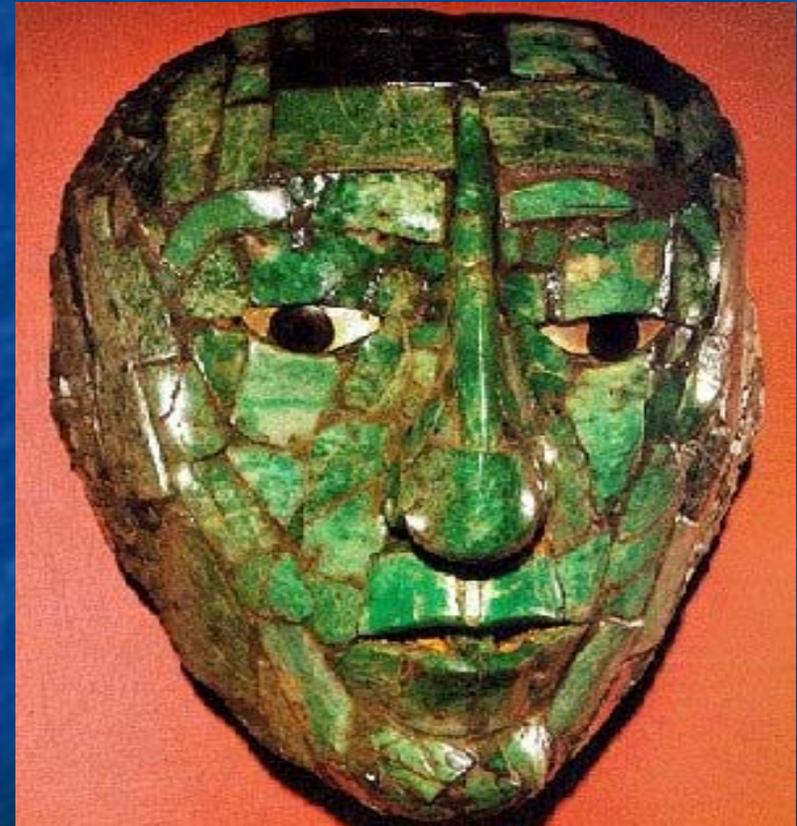
And musicians...



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One worked with gold, the other preferred jade...



<http://www.macautower.com.mo/img/inca.jpg>

<http://i104.photobucket.com/albums/m176/JungleGirl1080/Maya%20Vase%20World/21.jpg>

One of them created a fascinating
ballgame ...



Another built one of the seven wonders of the world...



Both had their time of glory...

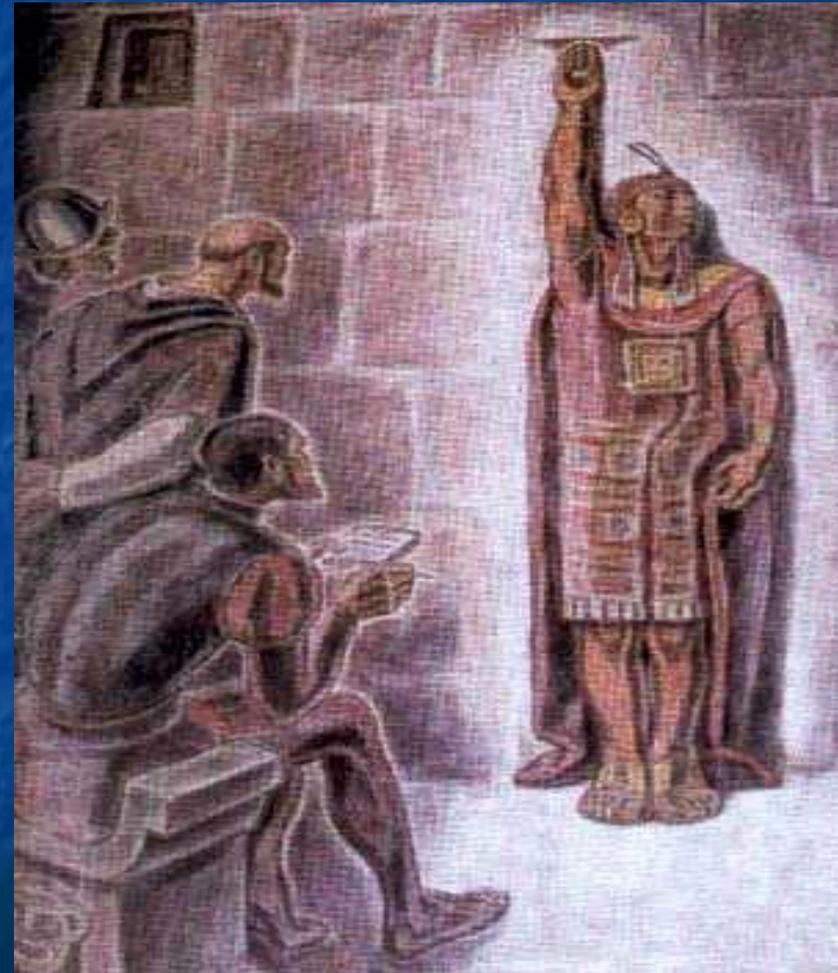


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And their time of decline...



Who is who?

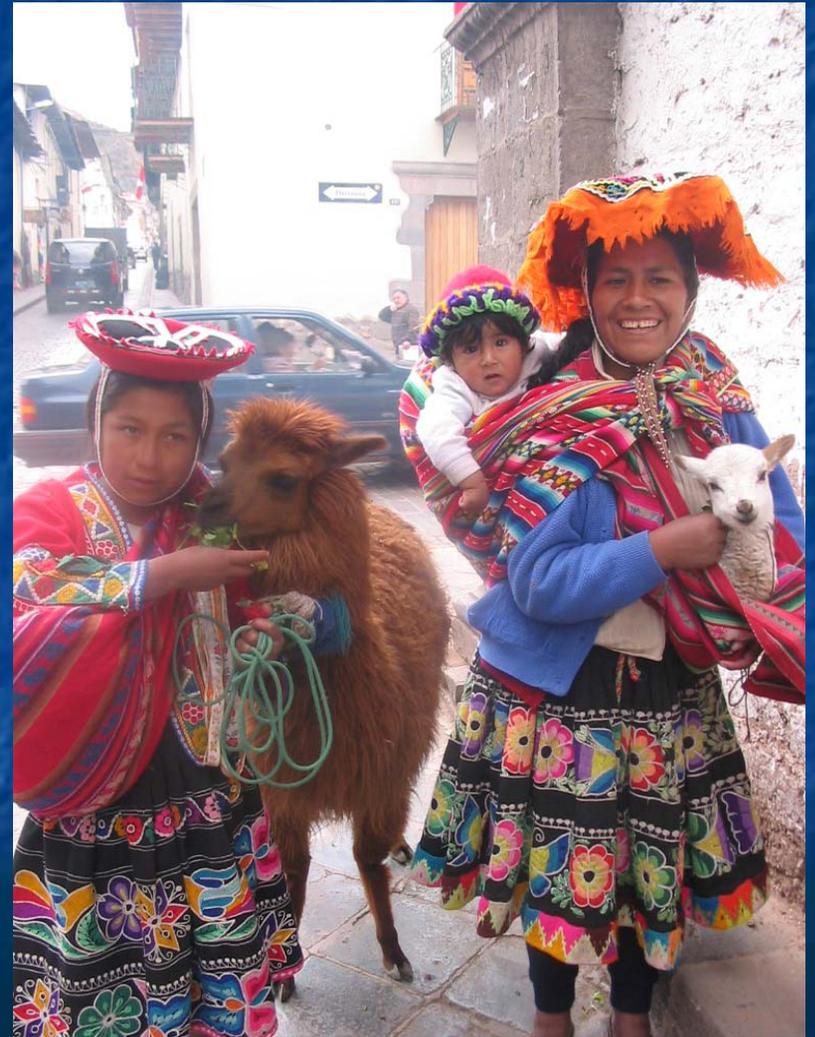


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Do they still exist?
Do they remember their history?



Who do you think is the greatest?



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Let the quest begin!



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