Who is the greatest?

Maya vs. Inca

Your quest for the answer

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http://www.mexicopeopleandcrafts.com/webpages/magazine/ancient/images/Palenque_masculino-min.jpg
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...
They spoke different languages, lived in different climates...
They grew different foods using different agricultural methods...
They venerated different gods...
And practiced human sacrifices...
Both had impressive architecture...
Both invented different types of arches...
Both were great astronomers...
One used the most precise calendar, another invented a unique record-keeping technique...
One culture developed the concept of zero, another built the most extensive road system at the time...
They both were great artists ...
Weavers...

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/a2/Tupa-inca-tunic.png
And musicians...
One worked with gold, the other preferred jade...
One of them created a fascinating ballgame …
Another built one of the seven wonders of the world...
Both had their time of glory...
And their time of decline...
Who is who?

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http://photos.igougo.com/images/p157556-Palenque-Mayan_Face.jpg
Do they still exist?
Do they remember their history?
Who do you think is the greatest?

Let the quest begin!


http://z.about.com/d/arthistory/1/0/U/M/maya_kings_02.jpg
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