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Guns, Germs, and Steel
Episode II: Conquest

1. Jared Diamond says *this* separates winners from losers?
2. Francisco Pizarro and his men encounter what empire?
3. What does Diamond say about farming? Agriculture? What's significant about the Fertile Crescent in the Middle East? How did Europe benefit from this area?
4. How is the Fertile Crescent different in comparison to the New World? What does he say about the geography in South America?
5. Cajamarca is guarded by how many men? Atahualpa, the leader of the Inca Empire is considered what? What don't his messengers notice when they report to him their sightings of the Spaniards?
6. Why do the Spaniards have swords and the Incas don't?

nents. Long before anyone began manufacturing guns and steel, others those same factors had led to the expansions of some non-European pe-
ples, as we shall see in later chapters.

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army into delivering himself to the Spaniards. Chalcuchima's miscalcula-
tion of Inca resistance, a moment

7. According to Diamond, why don't the Incas read or have a writing system? How does print spread to Europe in the first place? Why didn't the Mayan writing system spread south to the Incas? What does latitude have to with all this?
8. What fateful decision does Atahualpa make? Why?
9. What weapon did the Spaniards have that arrived years before their encounter of the Inca?
10. Why did the Spaniards pass on their diseases to the Incas and not the other way around? According to Diamond, why weren't the Incas exposed to small pox prior to their initial contact with the Spaniards?
11. How did the Spaniards use Atahualpa? What was he promised? What ultimately happened to him?
12. According to Diamond, how were the Spaniards "accidental conquerors"?