

The War of the Brothers



Huáscar **(rule)** Cuzco, capital of the Inca Empire. He, therefore, **(command)** the loyalty of most of the people. Atahualpa, however, **(have)** the loyalty of the large Inca professional army and three outstanding generals: Chalcuchima, Quisquis, and Rumiñahui. The large army had been in the north near Quito subjugating smaller tribes into **(break)** out.

the Empire when the war

At first, Huáscar **(make)** an attempt at capturing Quito, but the mighty army under Quisquis **(push)** him back. Atahualpa sent Chalcuchima and Quisquis after Cuzco and **(leave)** Rumiñahui in Quito. The Cañari people, who inhabited the region of modern-day Cuenca to the south of Quito, allied with Huáscar. As Atahualpa's forces **(move)** south, they punished the Cañari severely, devastating their lands and massacring many of the people. This act of vengeance would come back to haunt the Inca people later, as the Cañari would ally with conquistador Sebastián de Benalcázar when he **(march)** on Quito.

In a desperate battle outside of Cuzco, Quisquis **(rout)** Huáscar's forces sometime in 1532 and **(capture)** Huáscar. Atahualpa, **(delight)**, **(move)** south to take possession of his Empire.

Death of Huáscar

In November of 1532, Atahualpa **(be)** in the city of Cajamarca celebrating his victory over Huáscar when a group of 170 bedraggled foreigners **(arrive)** at the city: Spanish conquistadors under Francisco Pizarro. Atahualpa **(agree)** to meet with the Spanish but his men **(be)** ambushed in the Cajamarca town square and Atahualpa **(be)** captured. This **(be)** the beginning of the end of the Inca Empire: with the Emperor in their power, no one dared attack the Spanish.

Atahualpa soon **(realize)** that the Spanish **(want)** gold and silver and arranged for a kingly ransom to be paid. Meanwhile, he **(be)** allowed to run his Empire from captivity. One of his first orders was the execution of Huáscar, who **(be)** butchered by his captors at Andamarca, not far from Cajamarca. He ordered the execution when he was told by the Spanish that they **(want)** to see Huáscar. Fearing that his brother would make some sort of deal with the Spanish, Atahualpa **(order)** his death. Meanwhile, in Cuzco, Quisquis was executing all of the members of Huáscar's family and any nobles who had supported him.