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**Viewing Guide:**

**Guns, Germs, and Steel: Episode 2**

**Directions:** Before viewing the fi lm, read each question below so you know what information and ideas you should be looking for as you watch Episode 2. Record your answers to each question by providing as many facts, details, and examples as possible to answer each question. Be prepared to discuss your answers with the class.

1. At the time that the Spanish conquistador’s invaded the Inca Empire, they were armed with

state of the art weaponry. Describe this weaponry.

2. What advantages did horses provide to the Europeans? Why were the Inca so awestruck by the horse-born soldiers Pizzaro led?

3. What is Jared Diamond’s explanation for why the Spanish had advanced to steel swords while

Inca’s were still making tools and weapons from bronze?

4. How did the battle tactics used by the Spanish conquistadors help the small army defeat the

Inca army that outnumbered it by the thousands?

5. What was Atahuallpa’s response to the arrival of the Europeans? Why/how was Pizzaro able to outwit him? What experience was Pizzaro able to read about helped him in his conquest? Why was Atahuallpa unable to draw upon a similar experience?

6. According to Jared Diamond, what made the Europeans “accidental conquerors”?

List four of the important figures/groups from the film and describe their importance.

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