

Lesson 6: Site Analysis What Am I Looking At?

Name: _____ Date: _____

Site: Machu Picchu (or other site chosen by teacher)

Instructions: Use the step-by-step analysis method to "read" the architecture in the images/video of the Inca site.

1. Observe the Stones & Joints:

- Describe the stones in the *main temple* areas. Are they uniform bricks or irregular shapes?

- Describe the joints (the space between stones). Is there mortar? How tight is the fit?

2. Analyze the Location:

- Why build a site in this *exact* location? (e.g., top of a mountain, surrounded by river). List two possible reasons.
 - A:

 - B:

3. Differentiate Function:

- You can see hundreds of *andenes* (terraces) covering the slopes. What were these used for? _____
- The site has *houses* (rougher stone) and *temples* (perfectly smooth stone). Why would they use different building styles on the same site?

4. Form a Conclusion: Based on your analysis, what do you think this site was? (Circle one and explain why).

- A. A normal, everyday city
- B. A military fortress
- C. A special royal estate / religious site

I think this because: _____
