

21H.418
Fall 2005

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT # 5
Inkan Khipus

*Please submit responses to the following questions to the professor by 5 PM
on the day of Lec #8.*

**N.B.: I suggest you read the article by
Conklin before the chapters from Urton's book.**

- 1) Discuss two or three reasons why scholars today have not yet figured out how to access the information contained in Inkan Khipus.
- 2) What are the main elements of the theories for "reading" khipus put forth by Conklin and Urton?
- 3) Ong argues that writing restructures human consciousness. Do you think that khipu-making restructured Inkan consciousness in a similar fashion?