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Chapter 2, "How to Make a Quipu."

This reading goes with the lab on making quipu.

- Quipus have direction and hierarchy. What else is needed to encode language?

Chapter 4, "The Quipumaker."

- What factors influence a culture's medium for communication?
- Why are bureaucrats people of privilege?

Chapter 8, "A Piece of String."

- Why do patterns have so little significance in our culture?
- Why do we no longer talk about "political arithmetic"?

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