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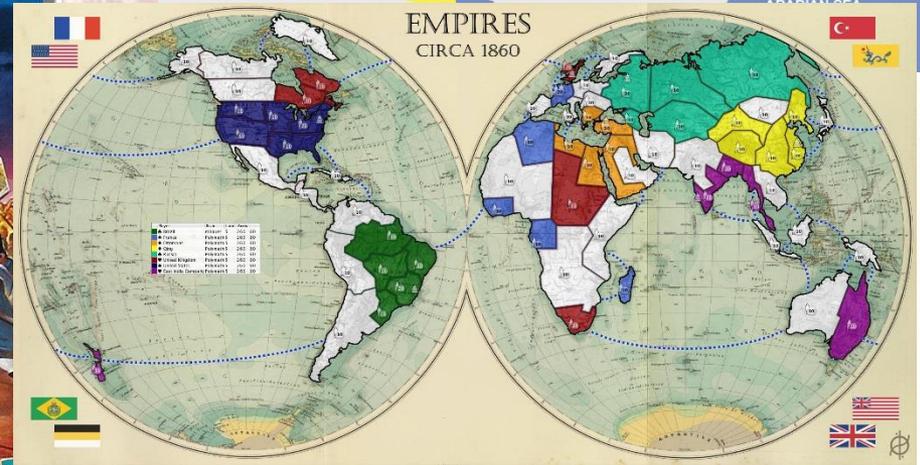
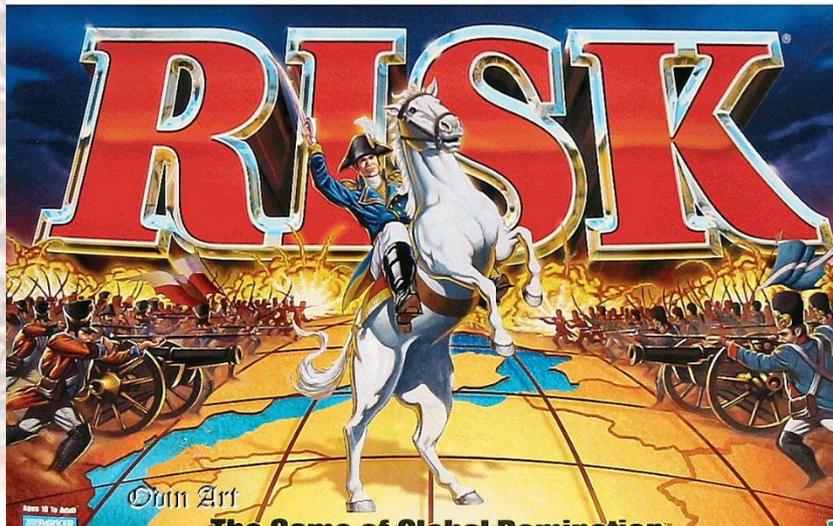
# Hammurabi & 10 Commandments Review

1. Which of Hammurabi's Code is similar to US laws?
2. Which commandments are enforced in the US?
4. Agree or Disagree? The 10 Commandments are more of a code of behavior than a legal code.
5. What punishments are in the 10 Commandments?
6. Support/Opposition to 10 Commandments in legal buildings in the US?

# What's an Empire?

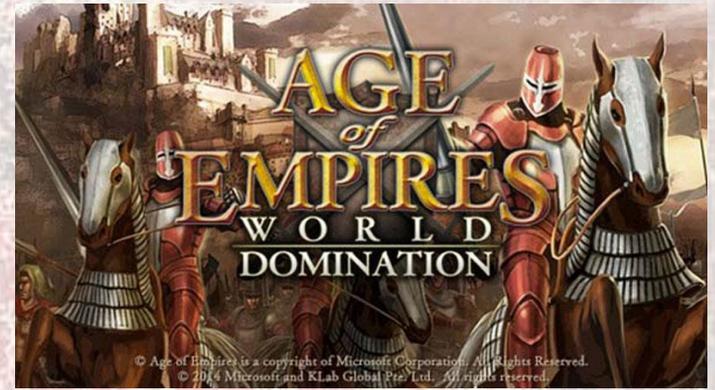


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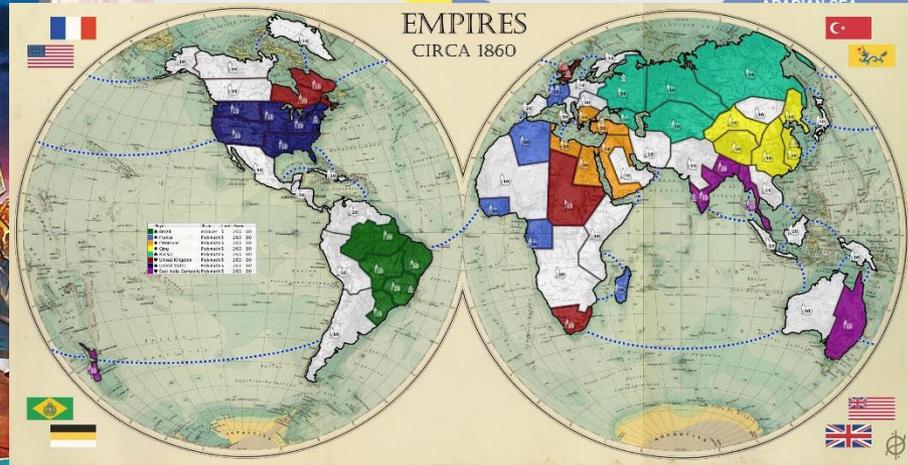
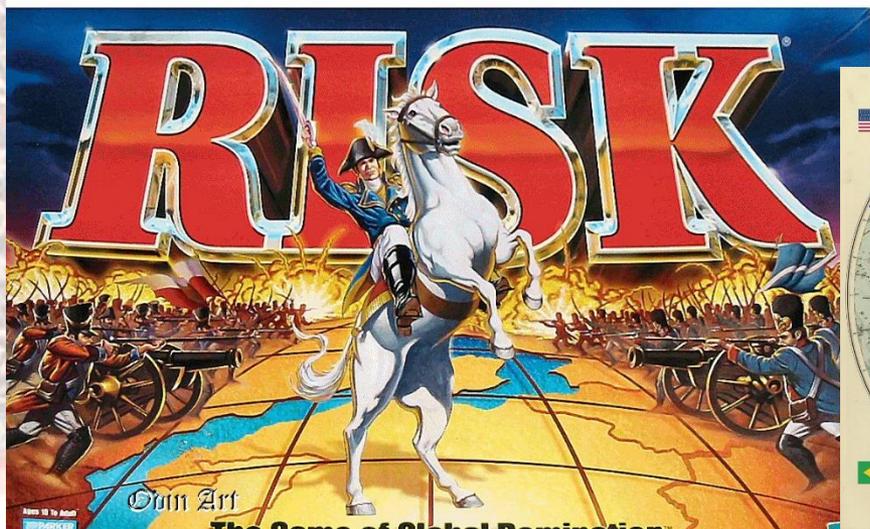


# What's an Empire\*?

- an extensive group of states or countries under a single supreme authority, especially an emperor or empress.

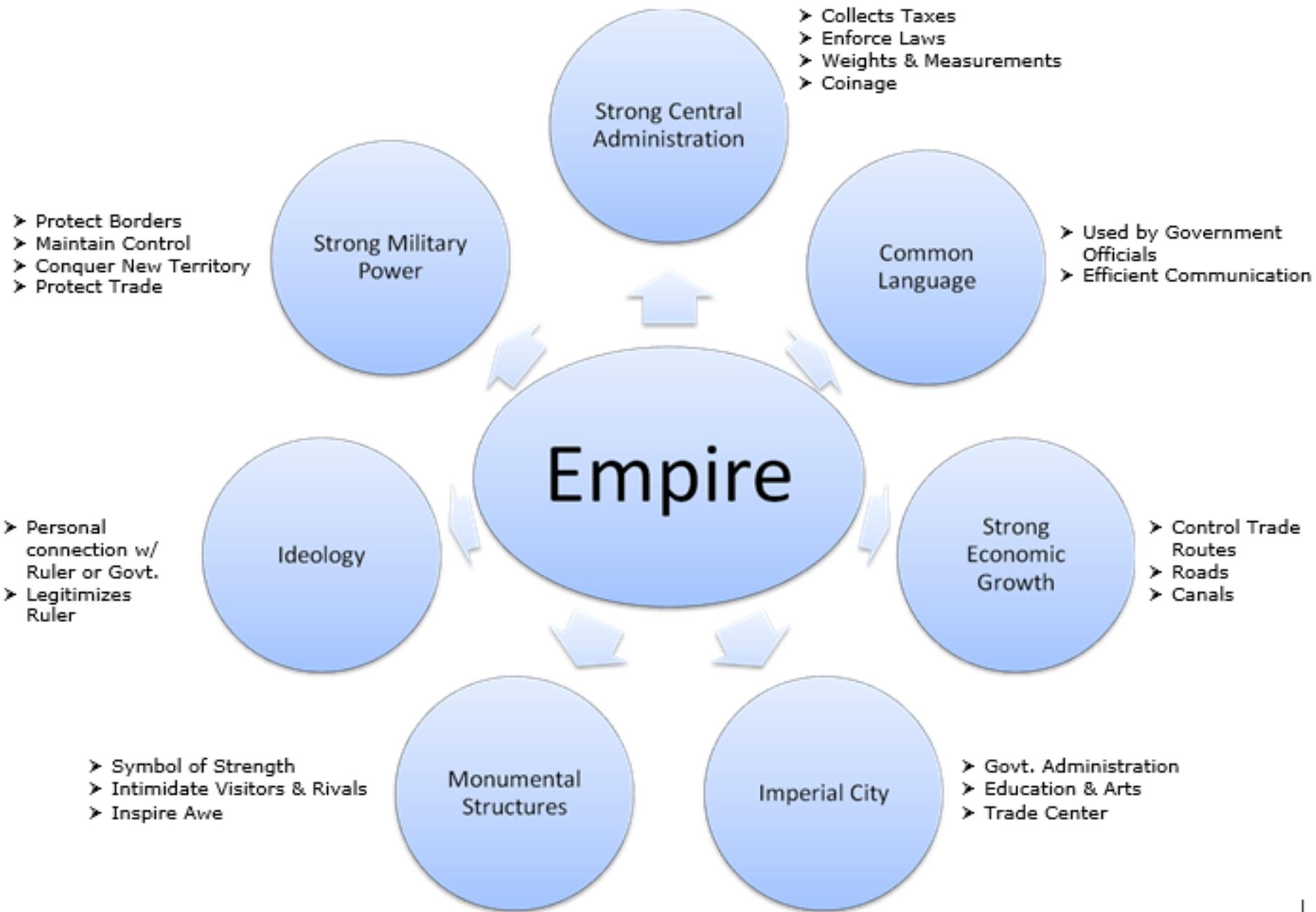


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# Characteristics of an Empire

- What must a civilization have or be in order to be considered an *empire*?
- **DIRECTIONS:** Read the Characteristics of an Empire passage and make a list of your ideas on the back of your graphic organizer at the bottom.



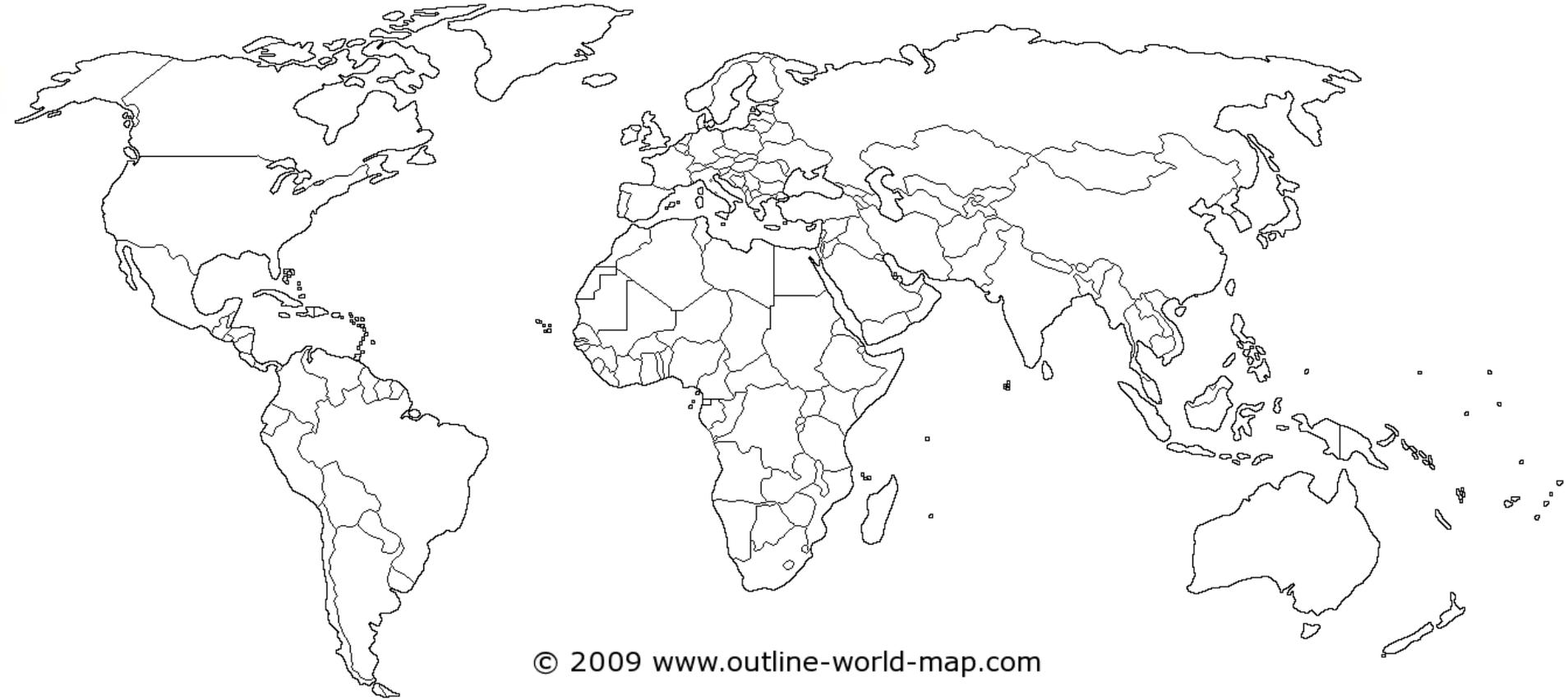
# The Persian Empire

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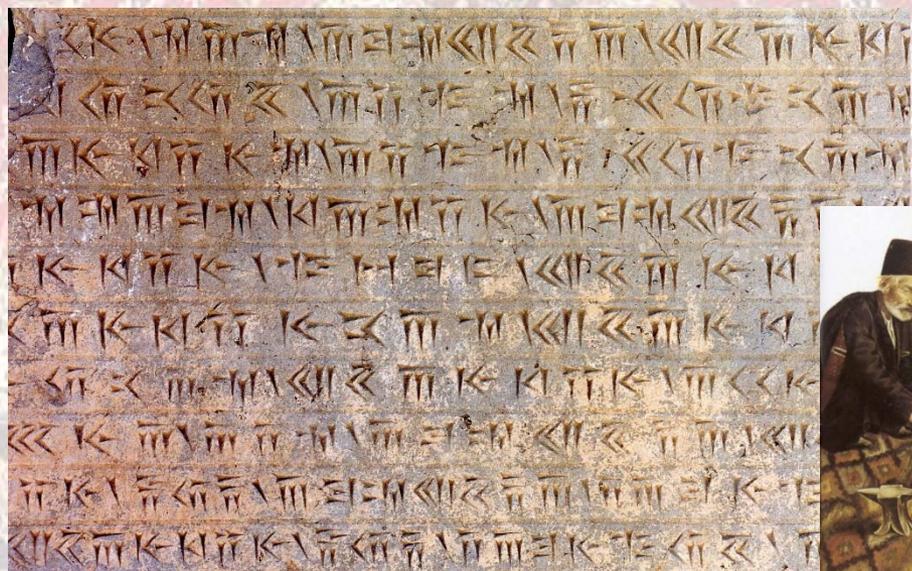
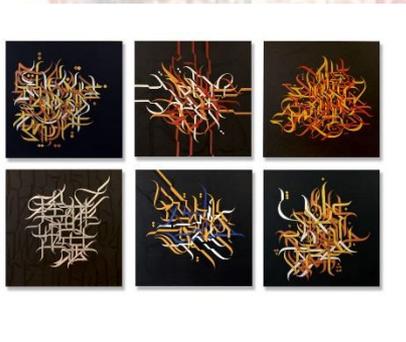
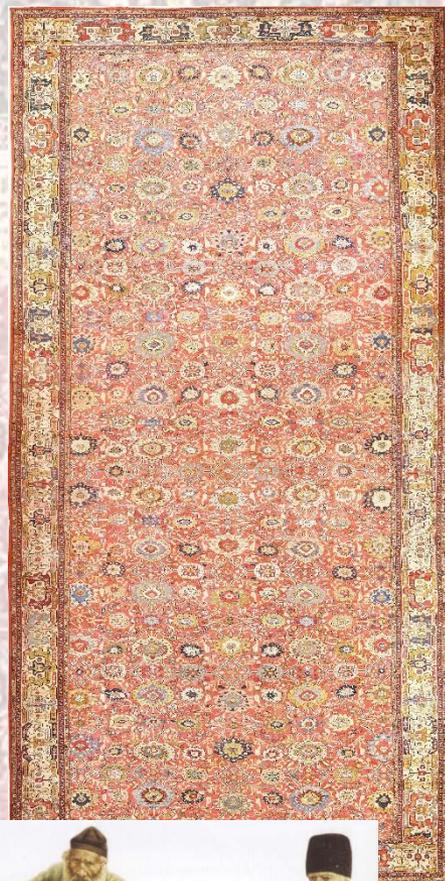
Identify the characteristics of empires and explain how Persian rulers were able to build and rule an empire.

(TEKS/SEs 1B, 3A, 16C)

# Where's Persia?

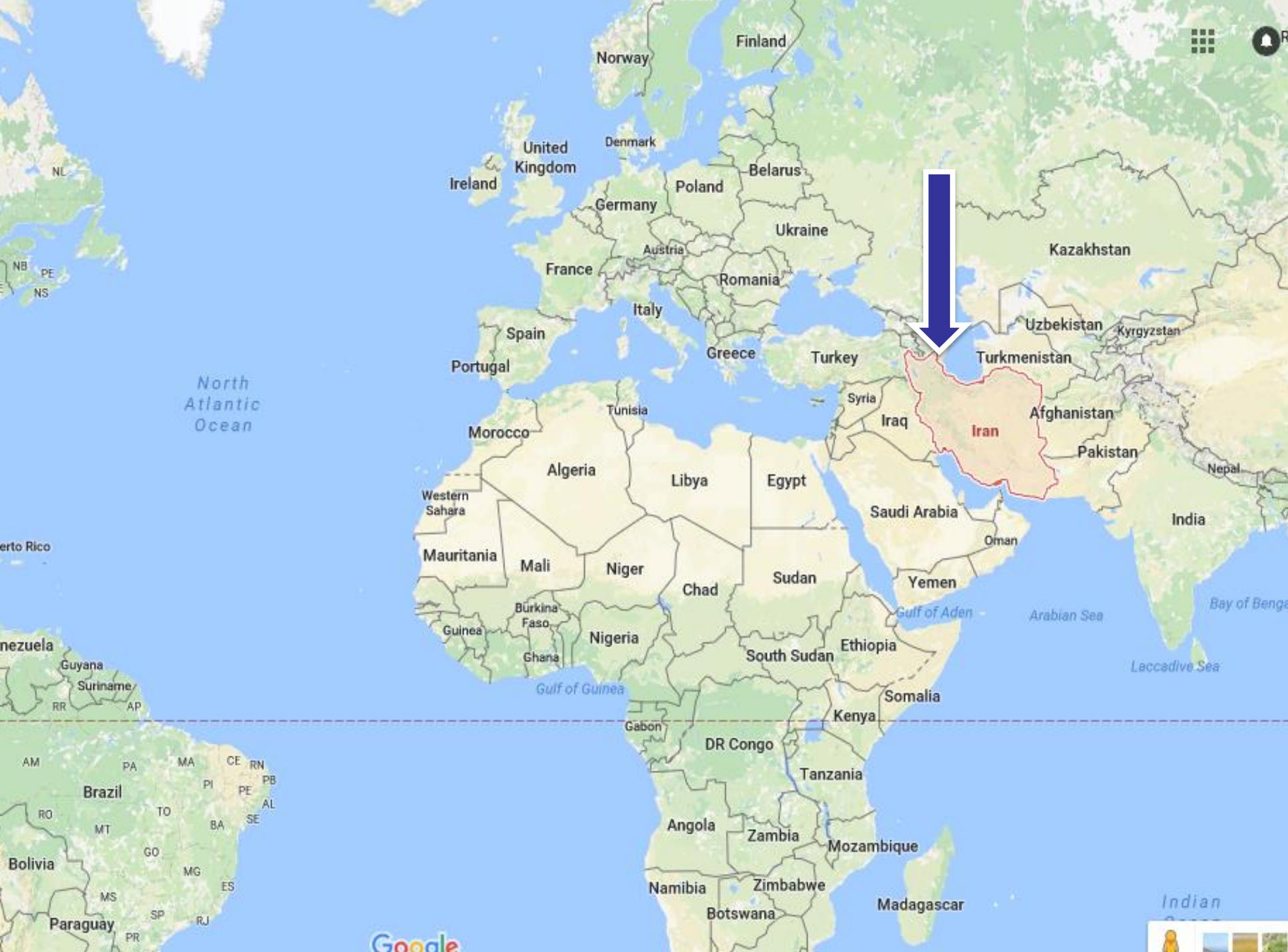


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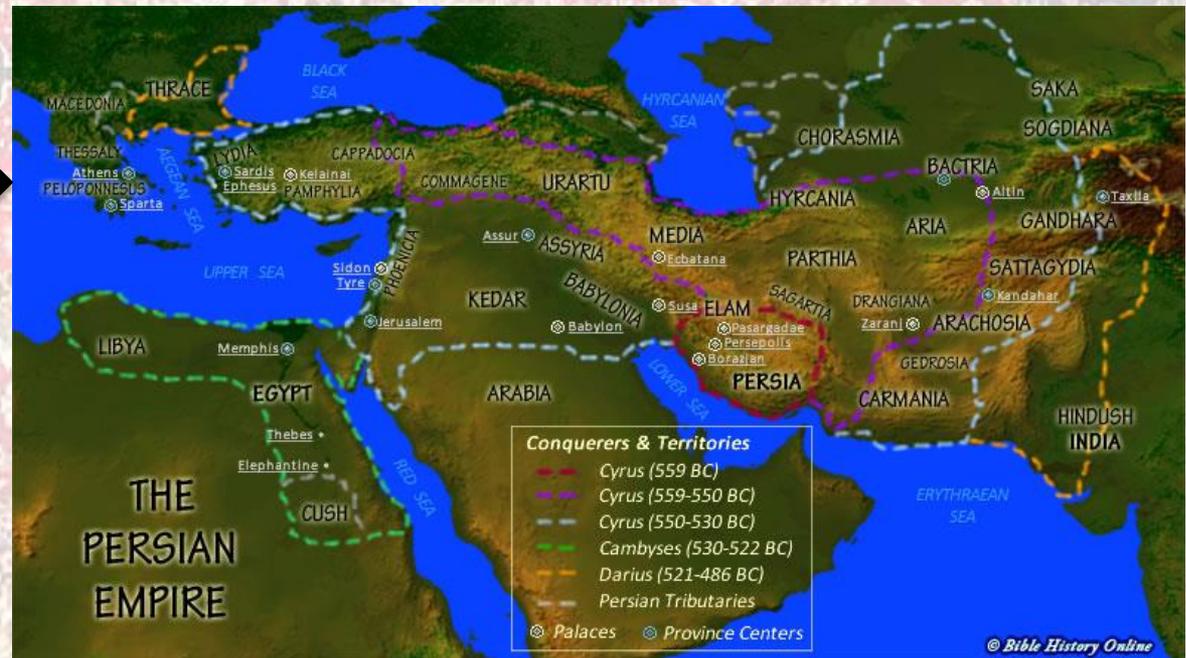
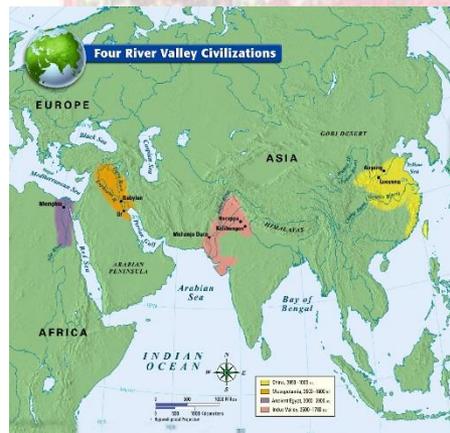
Aim: How did the Persians build and maintain a tremendous empire?

Do Now: Matching Review



# Classical Persia aka The Persian Empire

550 BC: Persian & Medes people were united by Persian ruler Cyrus the Great who then began conquering neighboring territories



# The Persian Empire

- 550-330 BC
- **Geographically large** – Egypt to India!
- **Tolerant of conquered people**
  - Human rights & religious freedom
    - This was highly unusual for the time period
- **Strong military**
  - Ultimately defeated by Alexander the Great of Greece

# THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

## Cyrus the Great (559-530 BC)



# The Persian Empire

- **System of satrapies: provinces across the empire**
- Allowed for local, provincial, and empire level control & organization of citizens
- Charged **taxes & tributes** from conquered citizens



# Achievements of the Classical Persians

- **The Royal Road**
  - **Efficient communication**
  - **Unified the diverse people**
    - Across mountains & long distances
- **Strong central government**
- **Excellent engineers**
- **Multiple capital cities**
- **Used coins & switched from bartering to money economy**



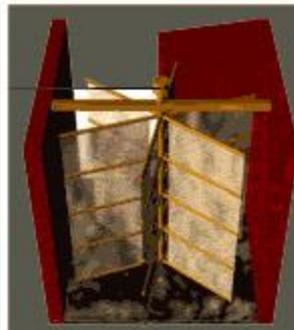
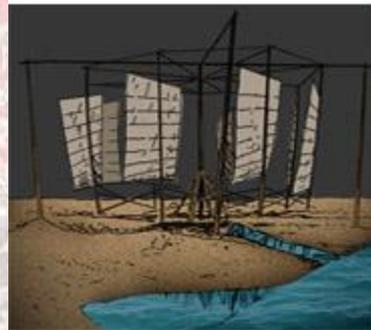
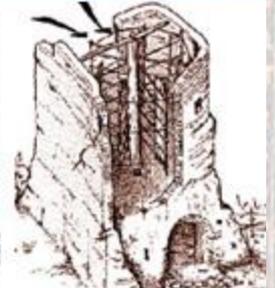
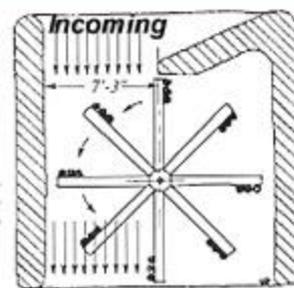
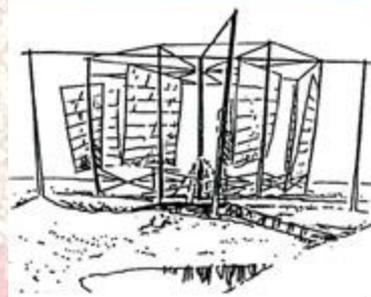




*Sections of the Royal Road still exist!*

# Classical Persian windmills

- *Example of advanced engineering skills*



# Zoroastrianism

- Many Persians joined a new monotheistic religion: Zoroastrianism
  - Common religion = united people
- Beliefs include:
  - one God, Ahura Mazda, who has an evil opponent
  - Universe is a battleground between these 2 forces
  - Those who lead good lives -> Heaven
  - Those who lead evil lives -> Hell
- [Video clip: What is the ancient religion Zoroastrianism?](#)



# Who is the best: Cyrus or Darius?

- **Task:** Persuade the class that either Cyrus or Darius was the better Persian leader using historical evidence
- List at least 4 reasons why your leader is the BEST
- **Cyrus:** textbook page 99-100
- **Darius:** textbook page 100-101



# The **RULERS** of Persia

**CYRUS**

“the Great”



**550 BC**

Conquered neighboring kingdoms

**MILITARY GENIUS**

Who used overwhelming power

**KINDNESS**

toward conquered peoples

**HONORED**

local customs and traditions

**550 BC**

Allowed Jews to return to “homeland”

# The **RULERS** of Persia

**DARIUS**

“the Great”



**522 BC**

Took power

**WELL-ORGANIZED**

Government

**PEACE & STABILITY**

In the empire

**EXPANDED**

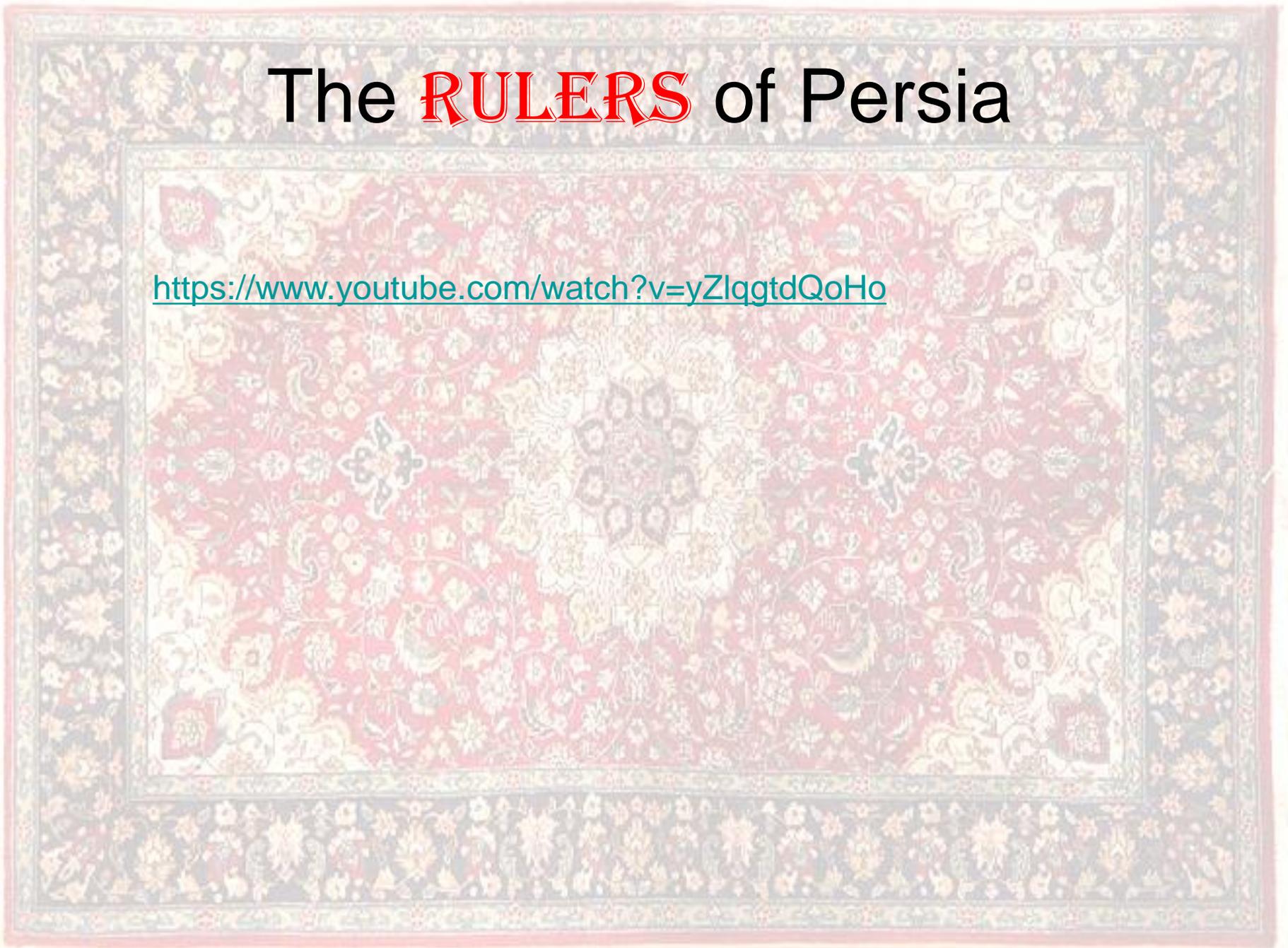
The Persian Empire by 500 miles

**COULD NOT CONQUER**

Greece

# The **RULERS** of Persia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZlqgtdQoHo>



# Quick Review:

On the back of your exit ticket, answer these 3 questions.

1. What is one way Persians were able to efficiently communicate across a large empire?
2. What was one accomplishment of Persia under Cyrus?
3. What was the one place the Persians consistently failed to conquer?

# USA: Modern Empire?

Based on the characteristics of an empire, does the United States of 2018 qualify as an empire?

Answer in a formal paragraph that provides three reasons to support your side (either the USA IS an empire or it is not an empire).

## Structure of your paragraph:

- 1 topic sentence.
- 3-5 supporting sentences with reasons that support your side
- 1 conclusion sentence that summarizes your argument

# Academic Writing

- No first person (I, we, in my opinion, I think...)
- Use formal, academic vocabulary
- Focus on your argument
- Use details to support and strength your argument
- No slang
- Avoid contractions- “does not” and “cannot”
- Write with confidence (no maybe, kind of, sort of, etc.)

# US & Territories



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