

# PERSIAN EMPIRE

## Guided Notes

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

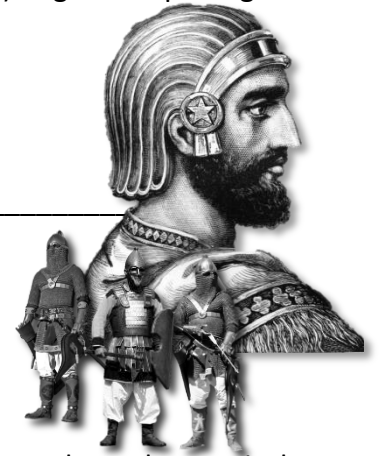
## LOCATION, GEOGRAPHY & RESOURCES

- ❖ Persia is in the \_\_\_\_\_ in and around modern day \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Ancient Iran “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” links \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Ancient Iranian’s built \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Iran is geographically bound: \_\_\_\_\_ mountains to the west, \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains & \_\_\_\_\_ Sea to the north and northwest, mountains of Afghanistan and \_\_\_\_\_ to the east and southeast.
- ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, most watered and populated, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ less watered and populated
- ❖ Iran’s mineral resources include – \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## RISE OF THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

- ❖ 700s-600s B.C. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ allied to fight against the \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Starting in the 550s B.C., Persian king \_\_\_\_\_ (c. 570s-530s B.C.) began conquering neighboring lands (conquered \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Known as \_\_\_\_\_ for his military skills and style of rule
  - Built empire over \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - Governed with \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_, including religious ones
  - Refused to institute \_\_\_\_\_ in the empire
  - Allowed \_\_\_\_\_ to return to \_\_\_\_\_ to rebuild their \_\_\_\_\_ (530s B.C.)
- ❖ Cyrus’ son, \_\_\_\_\_ (r. 530 B.C. – 522 B.C.), conquers \_\_\_\_\_ but rules unwisely
- ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ (r. 522 – 486 B.C.) seized control with his elite \_\_\_\_\_
  - expanded empire to \_\_\_\_\_ River (west) and \_\_\_\_\_ (east)
  - developed \_\_\_\_\_
  - had fleets \_\_\_\_\_
  - built \_\_\_\_\_ linking \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_



# IMPERIAL ORGANIZATION & RULE

## ❖ Darius the Great's Reorganization

- Darius divided empire into \_\_\_\_\_
- Appointed \_\_\_\_\_ (governors) to \_\_\_\_\_. Each married into the royal family and \_\_\_\_\_ (mini royal court).
- Built massive \_\_\_\_\_ to link \_\_\_\_\_ together. The \_\_\_\_\_ to make communication within empire easier
- Issued a \_\_\_\_\_ (money) that could be used throughout the empire
- Built the city of \_\_\_\_\_ as the capital of the empire



## ❖ The Royal Court & Administration

- King had numerous \_\_\_\_\_, used as \_\_\_\_\_ (marry to gain power)
- King held sons of Persian aristocrats \_\_\_\_\_ for good behavior
- Owned much land. Could give \_\_\_\_\_ to those who supported him
- Persian king titles: " \_\_\_\_\_ "

# ZOROASTRIANISM

❖ **FOUNDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ **WHEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ❖ KEY BELIEFS:

- Sacred Texts: \_\_\_\_\_
- Dualism: \_\_\_\_\_
- Human Choice: \_\_\_\_\_
- Strong Ethics: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fire Temples: \_\_\_\_\_

