

Unit II

Organization and Reorganization of Human Societies (600 BCE To 600 CE)

Key Concepts

- 2.1 - The Development and Codification of Religious and Cultural Traditions
- 2.2 - The Development of States and Empires
- 2.3 - Emergence of Transregional Networks of Communication and Exchange

Where is _____?



Label	
Empires	Persian Empires/Qin & Han Empire/Maurya & Gupta/ Phoenicia/Greece/Hellenistic/Roman/Teotihuacan/Mayan/Moche
Trade Routes	Eurasian Silk Roads/Trans-Saharan caravan routes/Indian Ocean sea lanes/Mediterranean Sea
Spread of Religions	Buddhism/Hinduism/Christianity
Cities	Persepolis/Chang'an/Pataliputra/Athens/Carthage/Rome/Alexandria/Constantinople/Teotihuacan

Thematic Questions

1. How did the continued expansion of agriculture impact the environment? How did environmental damages negatively impact empires/societies?
2. How did religion (creation/spread/etc) alter the cultures it encountered? What were peoples & empires motivations for conversion? How did art & architecture influence home cultures and cultures they encountered? How did technological advances influence the spread of culture?
3. What comparisons we can make between the rise/administration/fall of Classical empires? How did empires use religion/art/etc to administer over their empires? How did different empires interact with one another?
4. Why was trade able to expand during the Classical Era? What changes/continuities do we see in trade between different regions? What are comparisons we can make between different labor systems used during this unit?
5. How were gender roles established and reinforced throughout the world at this time? Compare how different empires worked to incorporate the different peoples they brought into their empires?