

## Andrew Marr Episode 2: Empires

1. What people group made up the first empire under Sennacherib?
2. What were some typical consequences for conquered peoples as their territory was being taken over by a neighboring empire?
3. What was the purpose of commissioning art that told the story of the governments' conquest?
4. How did the Phoenicians" try to keep the Assyrians out of their territory?
5. What was the Phoenicians" greatest contribution to human history?
6. What empire rose from the ashes of the fallen Assyrian empire in the Middle East?
7. What made Cyrus the Great different than typical rulers of the time period?
8. What did the Lydians do first in regards to currency? (Note: this changed the way most empires made their currencies.)
9. How did Cyrus treat the Jews who had been living in captivity in Babylon?
10. Define monotheism:
11. What new technology was rapidly spreading across Eurasia during the classical period? (Especially in India.)
12. Explain the Indian caste system.
13. What did Siddhartha Gautama have to do in order to achieve Enlightenment according to Buddhism?
14. Why would Buddhism have been appealing to those who were at the bottom of the caste system in India?
15. After the Athenians through off their tyrant king, what kind of government did they set up?

16. How did Greek democracy differ from modern day democracy as far as who got to participate?
17. How does the battle of Marathon relate to the modern day race in the Olympics- the marathon?
18. Why was the Parthenon created?
19. When the Zhou dynasty in China began to crumble, who created a solution to restore order to China?
20. Why did Confucius emphasize a leader being responsible and hardworking?
21. How did Confucius' followers spread his ideas so quickly and successfully after his death?
22. How did Confucianism affect the government in China?
23. What regions did Alexander the Great conquer for his empire?
24. How did Alexander help spread Greek culture in his empire?
25. What are some examples of Alexander adopting/blending new cultural aspects with his own Greek culture?
26. What was the great legacy of Alexander the Great's empire?
27. How is Socrates remembered today? How was Socrates viewed during his time period?
28. Why was Socrates hated and eventually arrested and convicted by the Athenian government?

