

Quaestio: \_\_\_\_\_

Nunc Agenda: Read about the **Indo-Europeans** and fill in the blanks below under that title only.

# Southwest Asian Empires

## Indo-Europeans

- Indo-Europeans were a group of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ peoples
- They originally came from the \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, around modern Southwestern Russia
- They domesticated the \_\_\_\_\_ and invented the \_\_\_\_\_
- They migrated from their homeland on the Steppe, possible because
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- As they settled in different parts of Europe and Asia, they also spread their \_\_\_\_\_, which developed into many different \_\_\_\_\_ we know today such as \_\_\_\_\_
- A later Indo-European group, the Scythians, dominated the Steppe and developed cavalry armies (soldiers mounted on horses) and the composite bow (which can be shot while riding)

## Rulers of Mesopotamia

- Akkadians: Northern \_\_\_\_\_ people who, under their king \_\_\_\_\_, conquered the \_\_\_\_\_ and united Mesopotamian city-states
- Babylonians- Originally desert \_\_\_\_\_, conquered the Akkadian Empire and made \_\_\_\_\_ their capital city, Babylonian King \_\_\_\_\_ created laws written in \_\_\_\_\_ for his kingdom
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Indo-Europeans who built a kingdom in \_\_\_\_\_ (aka Asia Minor) and conquered northern Mesopotamia using \_\_\_\_\_ weapons
- Assyrians- Conquered a large empire including Mesopotamia, the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

## The Persians

- Persians lived in Southern \_\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mesopotamia, but their ancestors were Indo-European \_\_\_\_\_
- After the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire collapsed, a few different groups tried to gain control, but the Persians were successful BECAUSE they combined ideas from both \_\_\_\_\_ Civilized \_\_\_\_\_ Builders AND Steppe \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Confederations
- Used Nomadic-style \_\_\_\_\_ army armed with composite \_\_\_\_\_ as well as chariots, moved \_\_\_\_\_ and did more damage than \_\_\_\_\_ armies (foot soldiers)
- Made their government a **bureaucracy**- \_\_\_\_\_

## Persian Success

What made the Persians such successful conquerors and rulers? As a group, take turns reading aloud about the Persian Empire. As you read, take bullet point notes on what actions were taken by King Cyrus and King Darius that made the Persian Empire more successful than any previous empire.

Cyrus	Darius

## Zoroastrianism

What are the four most important things to know about Zoroastrianism? Decide as a group and write them below.


