

## From Early Civilizations to Empires

# What's the BIG deal?

- In the time period from 1000 B.C.E., large civilizations developed in present-day China and India, as well as in the Mediterranean, Middle East, and Northeast Africa. Many of these civilizations became major empires that spanned large portions of Afroeurasia.
- These empires were organized around a core city center but reached well beyond urban areas through trade and imperial expansion over time.
- People in these empires developed governments and militaries as well as networks for transportation and trade that connected diverse peoples across Afroeurasia.
- A somewhat different version of empire was developing independently in the Americas during the same time period.