

What is the recipe for empire?

What's the **BIG** deal?

- Era 3 was characterized by the rise of a series of important, large empires throughout Afroeurasia. These empires shared several significant characteristics.
- Empires did not start from scratch; they emerged where large civilizations were already developed and where there were sufficient human and natural resources. Empires often changed hands, were conquered, or were absorbed by new empires.
- Empires depended upon strong leadership and large armies. In addition, bureaucratic systems- systems of rules and government- were needed to control large territories and lots of people.
- The development of trade and trade networks- especially roads- was important and ongoing and led to the exchange of goods as well as ideas and cultures.