

Empire...what it is, and what it
is not: Using non-examples to
refine the concept

What's the **BIG** deal?

- The global pattern for the development of human societies in Era 3 was the growth of large empires that spanned vast regions of land.
- Although Era 3 was, in many ways, the Age of Empires, it is likely that more people did not live in empires as compared to those who did.
- Nevertheless, even where empires did not exist, human societies were rapidly growing and developing, although in different ways, all across the globe.
- By studying both examples and non-examples of empires, we gain a better understanding of what empires actually were and why they were important.