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**1. a) Describe the empire of Cyrus the Great.**

Cyrus the Great’s empire included much of Asia Minor, from present day Turkey in the west to the Jaxartes River in the east.

**b) Why did peoples conquered by Cyrus the Great seldom rebel?**

People seldom rebelled against Cyrus because he treated them well. Under Persian rule, conquered people were allowed to keep their own religion and customs and they were not enslaved.

**2. a) How did Darius I change Persia’s political organization?**

Darius I divided the empire into 20 provinces then chose governors (satraps) to rule those provinces for him. Satraps would collect taxes, serve as judges, and squash any uprisings in their province. Darius still ruled over the satraps, making him the king of kings.

**b) How did Persia’s roads help improve the empire’s organization?**

It helped messengers spread news quickly around the empire which is key for running a huge empire efficiently. It would have also helped trade (more goods / cheaper costs) and help mobilize armies.

**3. a) Why did Persia want to invade Greece?**

Darius wanted revenge against the Greeks who helped Persian ruled Greek cities revolt against the Persians.

**b) How might the Persian Wars have ended if the Spartans had not slowed the Persians at Thermopylae?**

The Persians may have been stronger and better able to sweep into Athens and gain a quick victory. The Persians, may have had more patience not having been slowed previously and elected to not partake in the Battle of Salamis, which played to Athenian naval supremacy.