

The Akkadians are credited with creating the world's first **empire**.

Hammurabi created a set of written and visible **code of laws** to help him rule his empire.

Define the Fertile Crescent, based on its soil and its location relative to nearby large bodies of water.

**Region of rich soil that stretches between the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean Sea**

List the types of weapons that gave the Assyrians an advantage in warfare against their enemies: **iron weapons such as swords, tipped spears. Other tools used were battering rams, ladders to climb wall, strong army, digging under walls**

Know how conquered people were treated by the Assyrians, compared to how the other empires treated conquered people.

**Killed/enslaved people they captured; forced exile and tribute**

The Chaldean Empire collapsed because of three reasons:

- ∞ **Attacks/invasion** by neighboring people
- ∞ conflict between different **religions**
- ∞ weak **rulers (Nebuchadnezzar II's successors---leaders who came after)**

Ashurbanipal, an **Assyrian** king, set up a huge **library** at the capital city of Nineveh.

Complete the timeline of empires in the Fertile Crescent, beginning with the first empire:

**Akkadian** Empire → **Babylonian** Empire → **Assyrian** Empire → **Chaldean** Empire → **Persian** Empire

Assyrians and Persian forced people to pay **tribute** for protection from the empire's army.

Why did the Persian Empire have fewer revolts than earlier empires had? **Persians allowed more freedom to keep culture/religion---TOLERATION is key word**

**MAP SKILLS:** Study the map on page 130. Understand what the symbols in the key/legend mean.

- ∞ Recognize which cities are along the Royal Road and along the rivers. **Royal Road cities: Sardis, Nineveh, Susa. Rivers: (Tigris—Ashur), (Euphrates—Babylon)**
- ∞ Practice measuring distances from one point to another by using the scale
  - Tip: **Ruler or Tear a piece of small paper so that it is the same size as the scale. Then lay that paper scale over the map, just like you would use a ruler. Record the miles or km.**

**ESSAY TOPICS:** You'll choose one topic. Start your response by restating the question.

- ∞ The creation of Hammurabi's code was an important historical accomplishment
  - there were many different cultures of people included in the empire
  - 2 goals of the code
  - the idea of rule of law instead of personal revenge

- first time that one law code governed many different people/groups
- goal—establish justice for all people and established idea that government was responsible for justice and protection of all people
- Code started the idea that law NOT personal revenge would bring justice to the people

∞ The Royal Road united the Persian Empire

- the size of the empire
- communication for business & government
- the value of trade
- troops
- Royal Road connect distant parts of Persia's large/vast empire
- Improved communication and contacts between the many different merchants in the empire
- Business connection improvement would unify empire to common goal of prosperity
- Government more effective because could send messages more quickly through relay messengers
- Move troops through empire quickly and effectively to right spots where needed