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**Chapter 7 Empires of Persia Guided Reading**

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| 1. Explain the rise, expansion, and decline of the Achaemenid Persian empire. | Rise Expansion Decline |
| 2. Discuss social and economic development in classical Persia. | Social Economic |
| 3. Who was Zarathustra? What were his core religious ideals? |  |
| 4. Discuss the influence of Zoroastrianism on other salvation religions. |  |

**Chapter 8 The Unification of China**

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| 5.  Who was Confucius? What were some of his core ideas? |  |
| 6. Explain the significance of the reign of Qin Shihuangdi for subsequent Chinese civilization. |  |
| 7. Discuss the downfall and collapse of the Qin dynasty. |  |
| 8. Explain the role of Liu Bang in the formation of the Han dynasty. |  |
| 9. Discuss the reasons of success of the Han dynasty by Han Wudi |  |
| 10. Identify and discuss industries that prospered and expanded during the early Han dynasty. | Iron Silk Paper |
| 11. Analyze and assess the factors that led to the decline of the Former Han dynasty. |  |

**Chapter 9 Classical Indian Empires**

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| 12. Who was Ashoka Maurya? What role did he play in the expansion of the Mauryan empire? |  |
| 13. Compare the political organization of the Gupta and Mauryan empires. | Gupta Mauryan |
| 14. What factors led to the growth of towns and trade across India after 600 B.C.E.? |  |
| 15. Discuss the development of long-distance trade across the Indian Ocean basin during the classical period |  |
| 16. Identify and explain the membership of the four main castes when Aryans first arrived in India. |  |
| 17. Identify key principles and features of Jainist ethics. |  |
| 18. Identify and discuss the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path of Buddhist doctrine. |  |
| 19. Discuss the emergence and wide appeal of popular Hinduism. |  |
| 20. Explain the arguments of the *Bhagavad* *Gita* concerning the importance of caste identity. |  |