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| 1. **Assyrian** Empire (700 – 612 BC) |
| * 1. Background |
| * + 1. Location: |
| * + 1. Downfall: |
| * 1. Administration |
| * + 1. Absolute monarchy: |
| * + 1. Communication: |
| * + 1. Library at Nineveh: |
| * 1. Military |
| * + 1. Structure: |
| * + 1. Technology: |
| * + 1. Tactics: |
| * + 1. Terror: |
| 1. **Persian Empire** |
| * 1. Rise of the Persian Empire |
| * + 1. **Nebuchadnezzar II**: |
| * + 1. Origins of the Persians: |
| * 1. Emperors (Achaemenid Dynasty) |
| * + 1. **Cyrus** the Great (r. 559 – 530 BC) |
| * + - 1. Conquest of Babylon: |
| * + - 1. Treatment of conquered peoples: |
| * + 1. Cambyses (r. 529 – 522 BC): |
| * + 1. **Darius** the Great (r. 521 – 486 BC) |
| * + - 1. Conquests: |
| * + - 1. Attempted invasion of Greece ends in defeat at Marathon (490 BC) |
| * 1. Administration under Darius |
| * + 1. **Satrapies**: |
| * + 1. **Royal Road:** |
| * + 1. Military: |
| * 1. Fall of the Persian Empire |
| * + 1. Weakening of the monarchy: |
| * + 1. Conquest of the Persian Empire (330 BC): |
| * 1. Religion |
| * + 1. **Zoroaster** (b. 660 BC): |
| * + 1. Monotheistic but dualistic (the supreme “god” is challenged by an evil spirit) |
| * + - 1. Ahuramazda – |
| * + - 1. Ahriman – |