APWH – Reading Guide Era 2 - The Classical Era in World History, 600 B.C.E. - 600 C.E. Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter 4—Eurasian Empires, 500 B.C.E.–500 C.E. Per:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Chapter Learning Targets & Key terms to know** | |
| **●** **Define the characteristics of imperial systems in the classical era and analyze why empires developed in some regions but not in others.** | **Aryans** |
| **● Compare the important similarities and differences between imperial systems and the reasons behind them** | **Hellenism** |
| **● Explain the significance that classical empires have for us today, such as, representative government, military power, etc.** | **Xiongnu** |
| **● Evaluate the “greatness” of the Roman Empire and China’s Han Dynasty and determine if their destructive and oppressive features outweighed their impressive advances.** | **Yellow Turban Rebellion** |

1. How would you define an empire?
2. What are the Eurasian empires of the classical era?

**Empires and Civilizations in Collision: The Persians and the Greeks**

1. How did Persian and Greek civilizations differ in their political organization and values?

**Collision: Alexander and the Hellenistic Era**

1. What did the Macedonian leader Philip II accomplish that the Greeks themselves could not?
2. What changes were accomplished by Alexander the Great?
3. What was this era called?

**Comparing Empires: Roman and Chinese**

1. How did Rome grow from a single city to the center of a huge empire?
2. While the Roman Empire was growing, China was trying to restore something old. What does that mean?
3. Compare the Roman and Chinese Empires.
4. What caused the collapse of the Roman and Chinese empires?

**Intermittent Empire: The Case of India**

1. How did the pattern of development in India vary from the pattern of development in China?
2. Describe the Mauryan Empire?
3. Though a large imperial unity did not survive in India, what caused India to evolve into an enduring civilization?

**Big Picture Questions**

1. What common features can you identify in the empires described in this chapter?