

The background of the slide is a historical painting of a Persian mosque courtyard. In the upper half, two tall, ornate minarets with blue and gold tilework rise against a pale sky. Below them, a large, dark blue dome is partially visible. The lower half of the painting shows a wide, sandy courtyard with several people in traditional Persian clothing. The walls of the courtyard are decorated with intricate blue and gold tilework and arched niches.

# ANCIENT PERSIA

**HISTORY AND ORIGINS OF THE ANCIENT  
PERSIAN CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE**

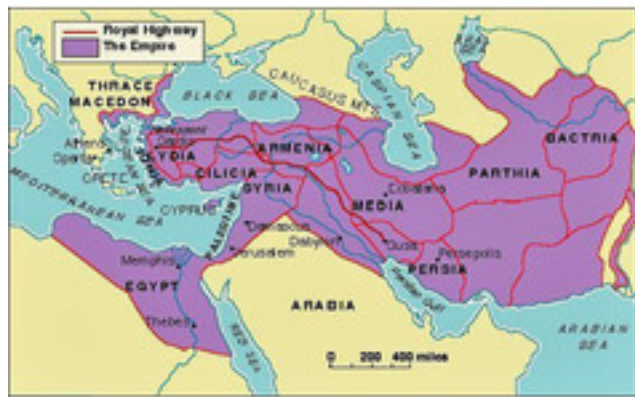


# The Land of Persia

- Persia was located in what is modern-day Iran.
- The area Persia would control was isolated from the rest of the Fertile Crescent.
- About 1000 BCE Persians first entered the Fertile Crescent.
- They created many kingdoms that thrived through trade throughout Asia.
- These kingdoms grew in power and began to take over many areas of land.



# Open Ended Question



**Based on the map, what conclusions can you make about the Persian army? Why?**

# Cyrus the Great

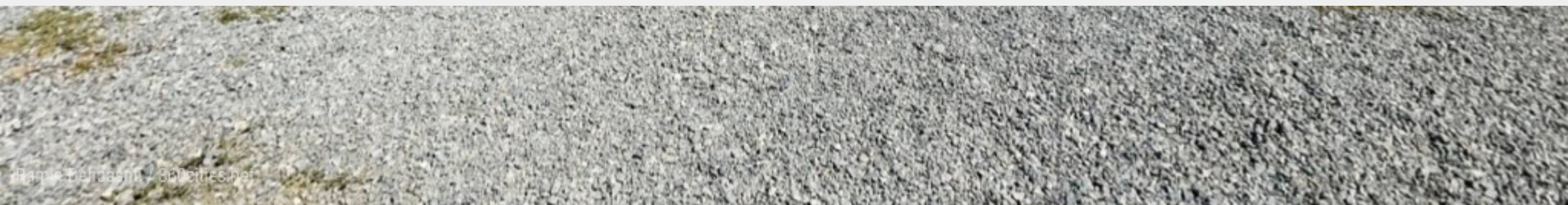


- The Medes ruled Persia until a brilliant, powerful king named Cyrus took control.
- He became known as Cyrus the Great.
- Cyrus had a vision of conquering lands around Persia and uniting the lands into one large empire.
- Between 550 BCE and 539 BCE he had conquered most of the Fertile Crescent.





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# Open Ended Question

**Cyrus ruled almost completely opposite of the way Assyrians ruled. He set up a policy of toleration. What do you think toleration means?**



# Darius the 1st

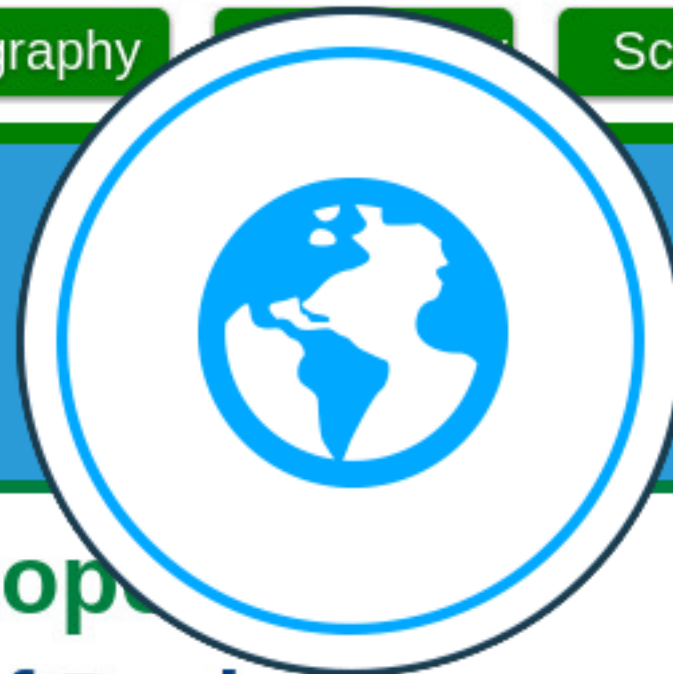


- After Cyrus died, a weak less-tolerant ruler faced rebellions in the empire.
- Then a strong leader named Darius came to power.
- After Darius put down those revolts, he moved to expand the empire of Persia.
- It grew to 2,800 miles. (Distance from New York city to Los Angeles)





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## Ancient Mesopotamia Biography of Darius I

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- Died: 486 BC
- Reign: 522 BC - 486 BC
- Best known for: Ruling the Persian Empire at its peak

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Based on the article you just viewed, post many accomplishments of Darius I as you can remember.

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**Darius I**



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# Open Ended Question



**Based on the videos, which of the two (Cyrus, Darius) do you think were more important to the Persian empire? Why?**

# Why it Matters Now...

- The Persians showed that lands ruled with policies of toleration could be stable and peaceful.



# Memory Test

