

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers, an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK



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Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

Cyrus II	hundreds	200
Iran	culture	satrapies
331 BC	Great	Fire

The Persian Empire, also known as the Achaemenid Empire, was one of the greatest empires in ancient history. It was located in the Middle East, mostly in the country known today as _____. It was a very large and powerful empire that ruled for over _____ years and stretched from the Balkan Peninsula in Europe to India's Indus Valley.

The first recorded dynasty in Ancient Persia was the Median Dynasty, founded by Deioces. Persians called their kings 'shahanshah' or 'Shah,' which meant King of Kings. The Achaemenid Empire followed the Median Empire. Artaxerxes II was the longest reigning Persian King who ruled for 45 years.

_____ became the king of Persia in 550 BC when he revolted against King Astyages of Media. He was a powerful king who conquered many lands and became known as Cyrus the _____. He conquered the Lydian Empire in 540 BC and the Neo-Babylonian Empire in _____. He was known to be fair to those he conquered and allowed them to maintain their _____ (way of life) if they worked and paid taxes. Persian religion was Zoroastrianism, which was the belief in one god named Zoroaster. Most other civilizations during this time worshipped _____ of gods. _____ is the symbol of Zoroastrianism and places of worship were called fire temples. King Cyrus II, however, did not force the Persian religion onto the people he conquered.

After Cyrus the Great's reign came the rule of his son Cambyses II. King Cambyses II conquered Egypt's ancient capital of Memphis in 525 BC. The king that brought Persia to its greatest power was the fourth king, King Darius the Great. He dominated the surrounding lands and divided the Persian Empire into _____ provinces called _____. Each one had a governor called a satrap who ruled over the territory. The satraps enforced the king's laws and taxes.

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



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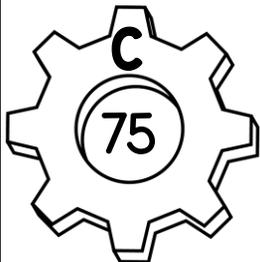
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



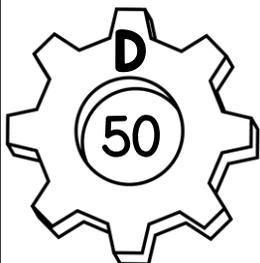
A. Alexander the Great conquered Persia in 334 BC.



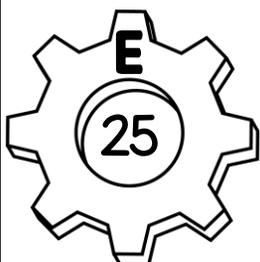
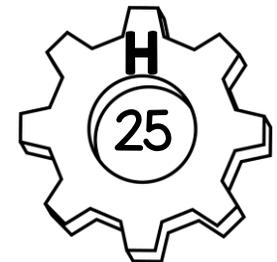
B. The first recorded dynasty in Ancient Persia was the Median Dynasty.



C. Darius III became the king of Persia in 550 BC.

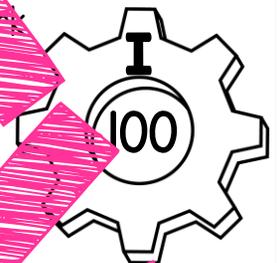


D. The fire is the symbol of Zoroastrianism.



E. The Persian Empire is also known as the Achaemenid Empire.

F. The Persian Empire was mostly in the country known today as China.

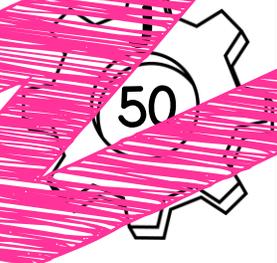


G. The Royal Road was the most famous road network.

H. The Persian Wars lasted over 40 years.

I. Artaxerxes II was the longest reigning Persian King.

J. The Persepolis was Greek for "Persian City".



TOTAL: _____

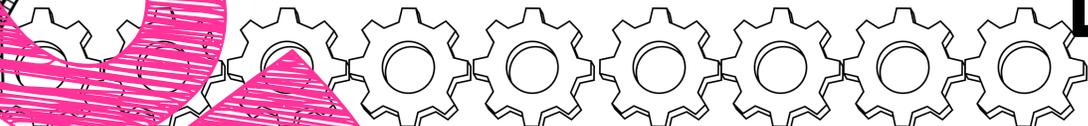
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. The Persian Empire was mostly in the country known today as _____

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iran
- C. India
- D. China

2. Who conquered the Persian Empire?

- A. Edward III
- B. King Henry VI
- C. Darius the Great
- D. Alexander the Great

3. What was the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire?

- A. Persepolis
- B. Metropolis
- C. Acropolis
- D. Megalopolis

4. Who founded the Median Dynasty?

- A. Cyrus
- B. Darius
- C. Deioces
- D. Xerxes

5. What word meant 'King of Kings'?

- A. Satrap
- B. Emperor
- C. Shah
- D. Senator

6. What does the word 'depleted' mean?

- A. To be in favor of
- B. To be against
- C. Refuse to use
- D. Used up

7. What were the governors of each province called?

- A. Satraps
- B. Shahs
- C. Satrapies
- D. Senators

8. How long did the Persian Wars last?

- A. 10 years
- B. 20 years
- C. 30 years
- D. 40 years

9. After Cyrus the Great's reign came the rule of his son _____.

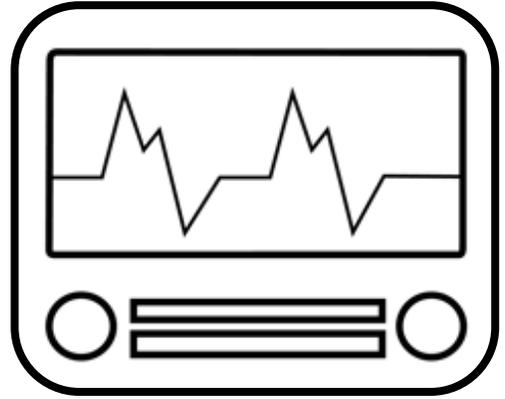
- A. Alexander the Great
- B. Xerxes
- C. Cambyses II
- D. Darius II

10. Who was defeated at the Battle of Marathon?

- A. King Cambyses
- B. King Xerxes
- C. King Darius
- D. King Alexander

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Complete all 6 tasks correctly, then color and assemble your robot.



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