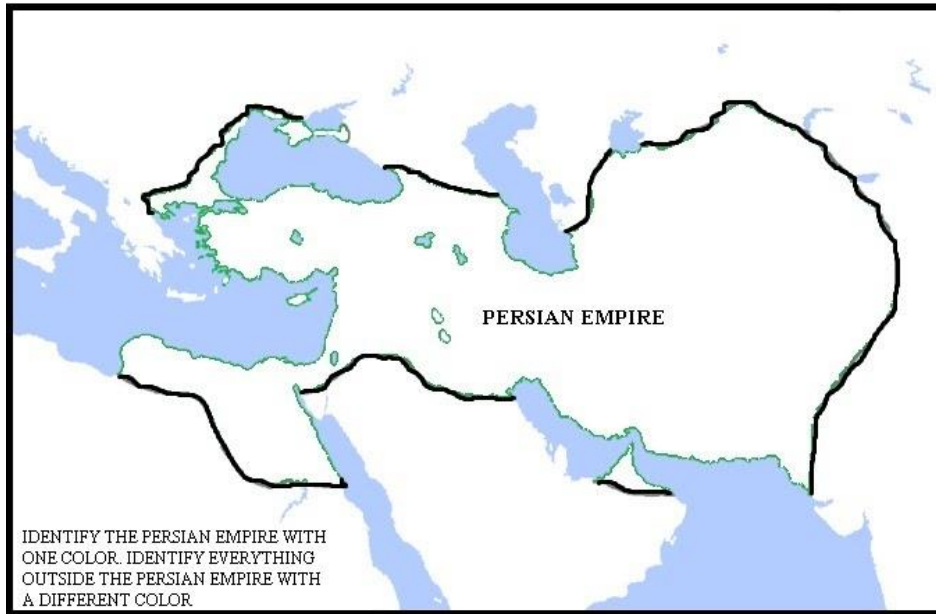


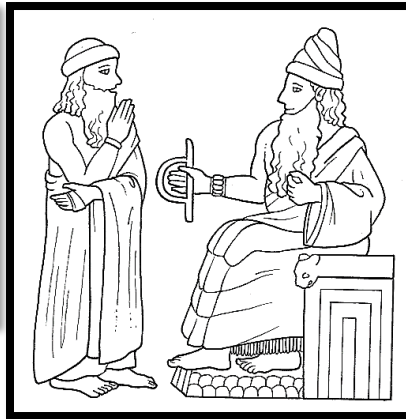
**Darius The Great**



**Cyrus The Great**



**Zoroastrianism**



**Hammurabi**



**Daric**



**Cambyses II**

1. **(1760 BCE) Hammurabi-** Babylonian King who created a series of laws and had them published throughout the kingdom for all his citizens.
2. **(559 BCE) Cyrus The Great-** was a successful military commander. Cyrus left local rulers in place and allowed them to continue practicing their preferred religious traditions. This reduced the chance that conquered regions would rebel.
3. **(550 BCE) Zoroastrianism-** Main religion of the Persian Empire and considered one of the earliest monotheistic religions.
4. **(530 BCE) Cambyses II-** Son of Cyrus lead for 8 years, successfully captured Egypt but died on his return to Persia.
5. **(522 BCE) Darius The Great-** further expanded the empire and introduced reforms such as standard currency and satraps—provincial governors—to rule over smaller regions of the empire on his behalf
6. **(521 BCE) Daric-** Persians adopt the gold coins as currency for the empire.
7. **(475 BCE) Persian Empire Map-** the height of the empire's prosperity before it loses power over conquered lands.