



# (Revised) Conrad- Demarest Model of Empire



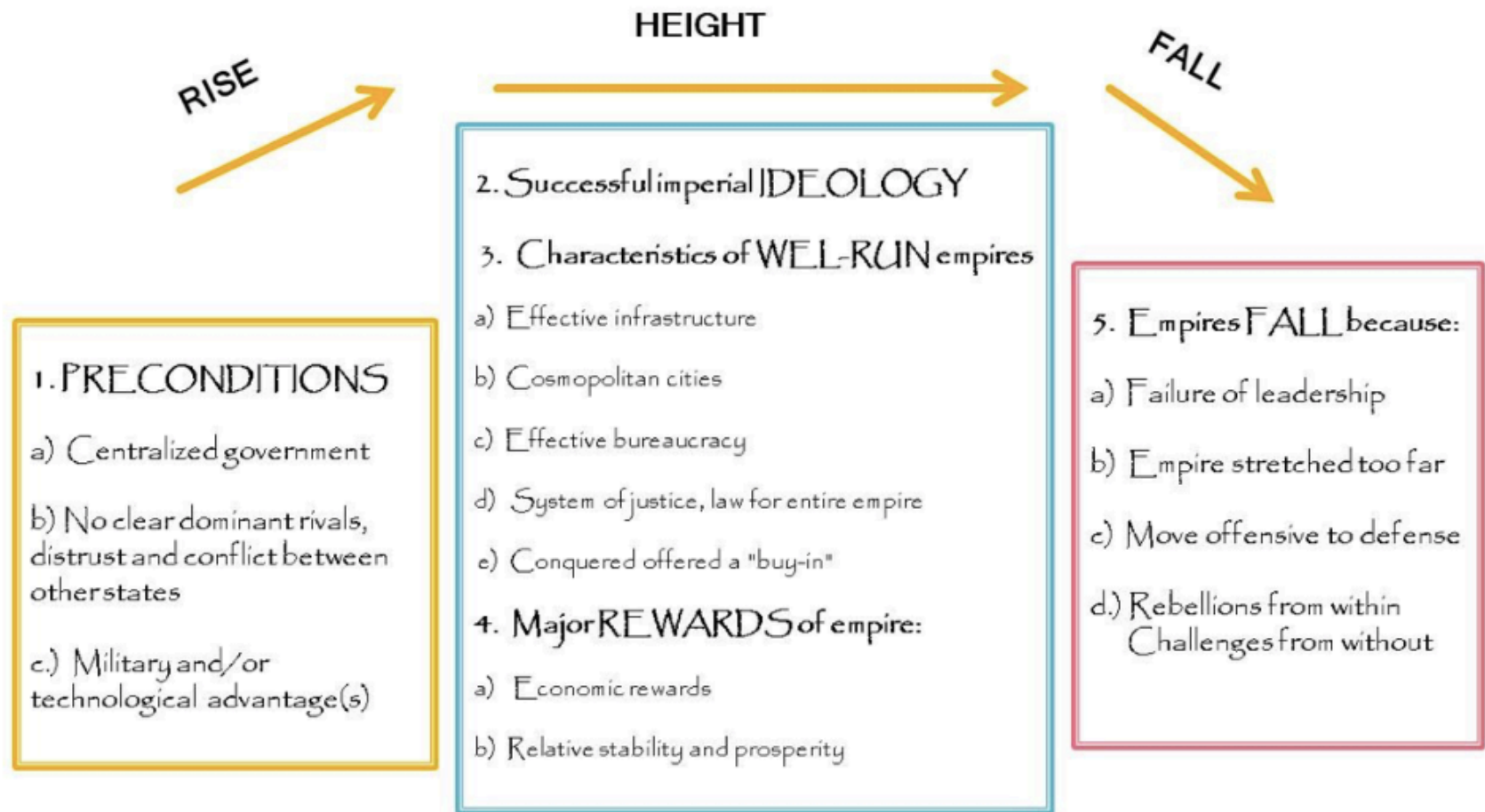
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# Questions to Consider

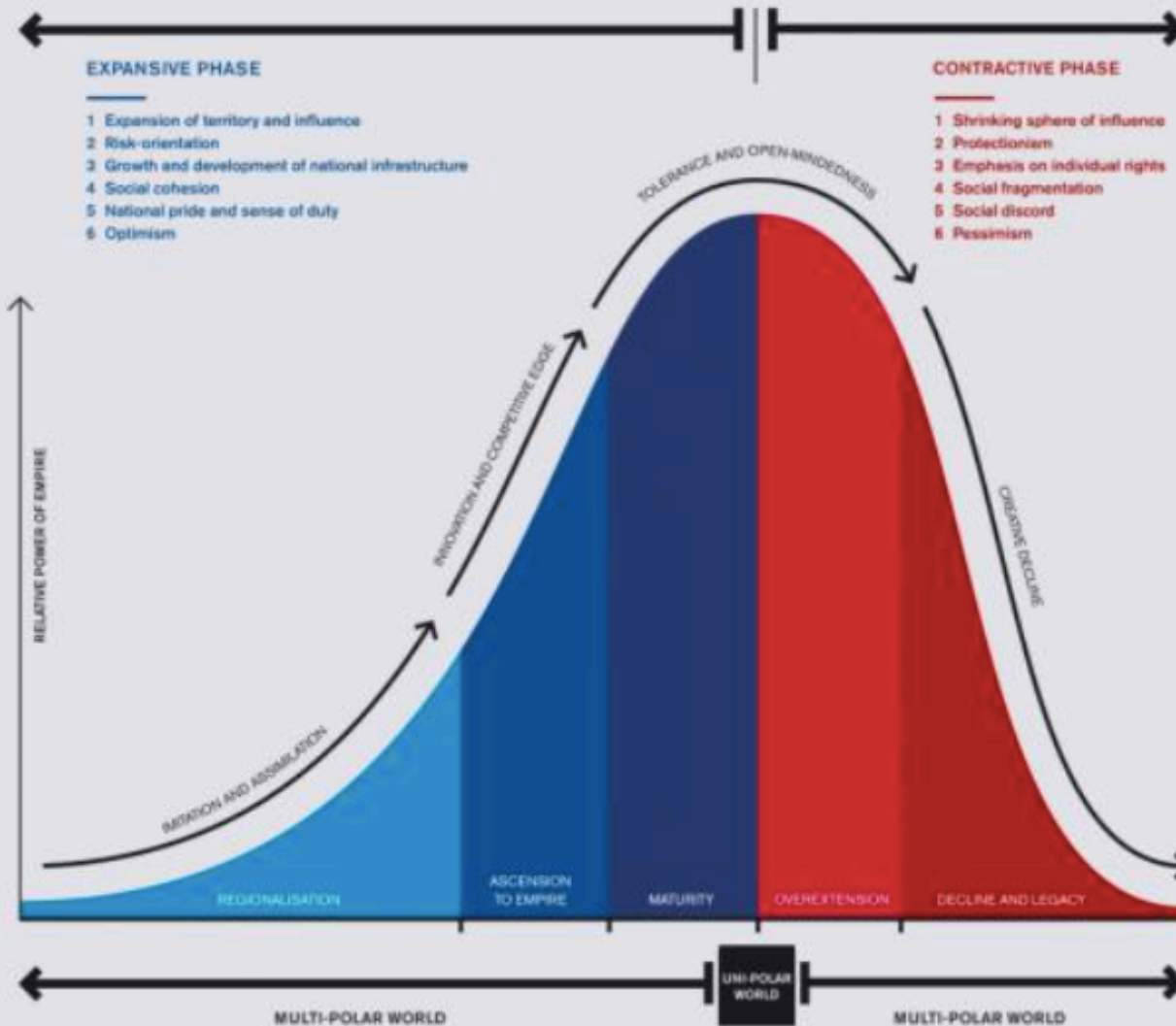


- ✦ What are the four stages of the Conrad-Demarest Model of Empire?
- ✦ What are the benefits and limits of using historical models to understand history?
- ✦ How well do the Classical Empires fit the Conrad-Demarest Model of Empire?

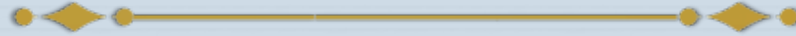
# Stages of Empire



# The Power Curve of the Five Stages of Empire (Fig. 5)



# Stage 1: Pre-Conditions for Empire



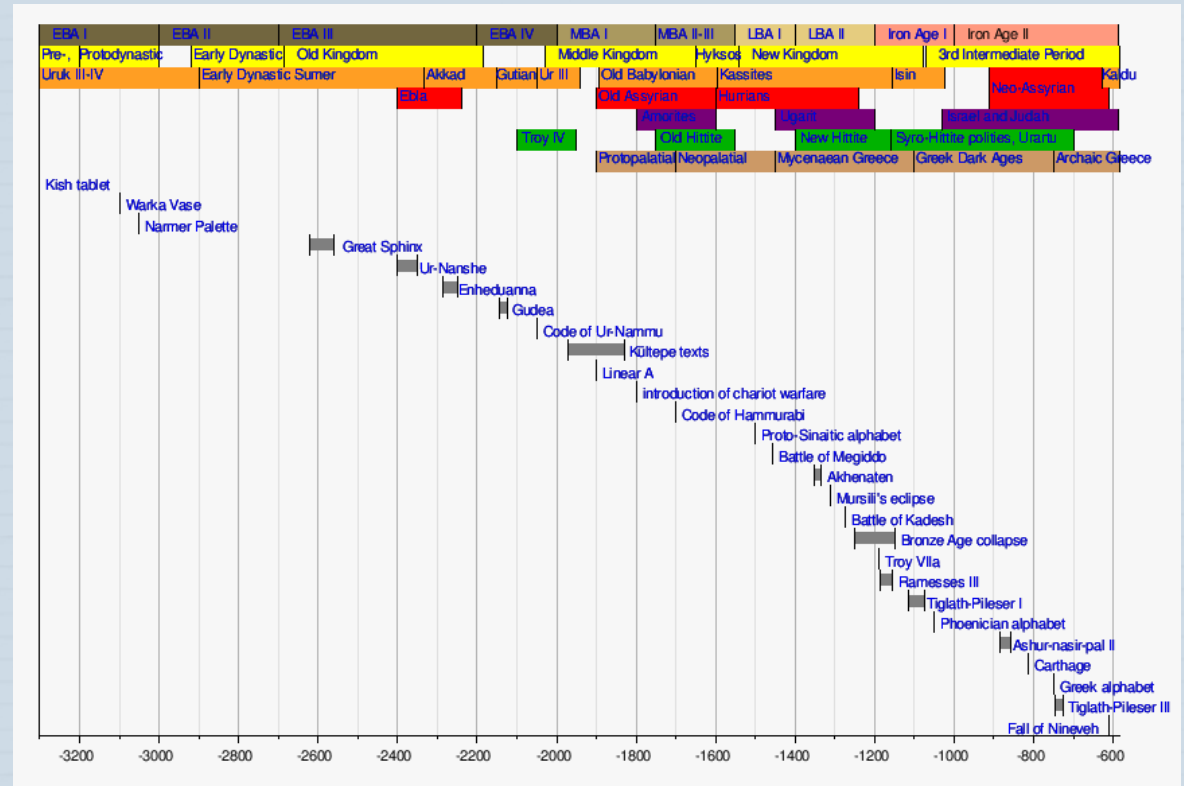
1. State-level government (such as a city-state or kingdom)
2. High agricultural potential
3. Environmental diversity
4. A power vacuum. Several small neighboring states with no dominate power.
5. Mutual hostility between neighboring states.
6. Adequate military resources (people, weapons, etc.)



# Egypt



# Mesopotamia





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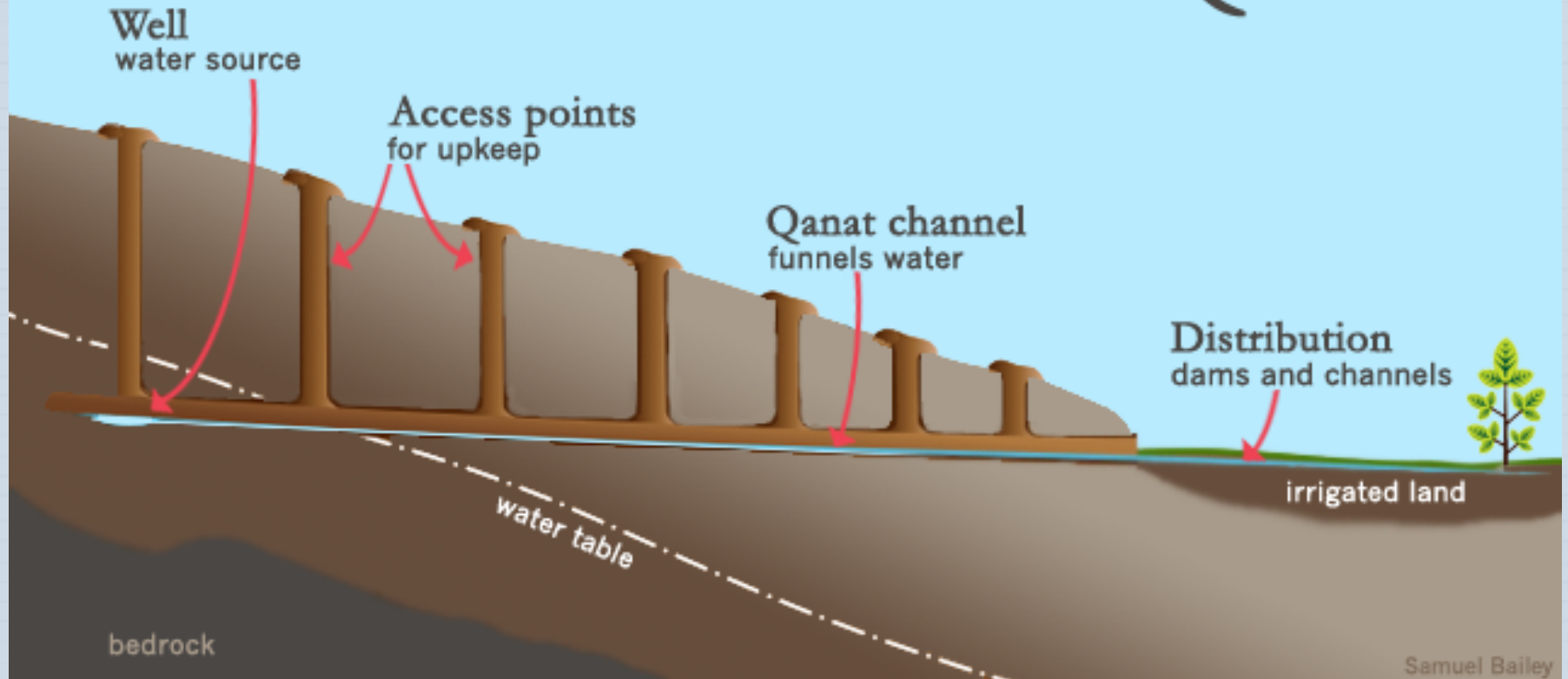




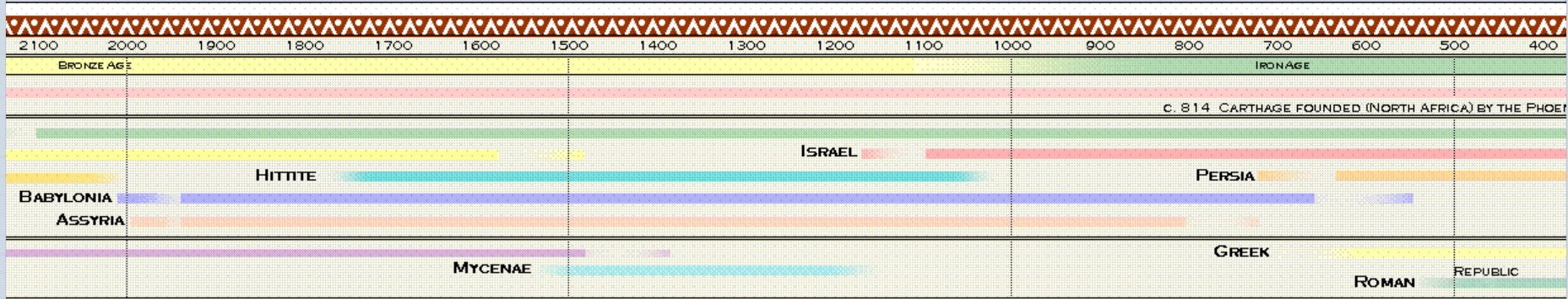
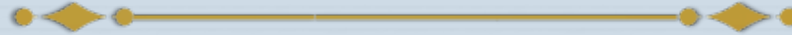
# Persia



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# Persia – Power Vacuum





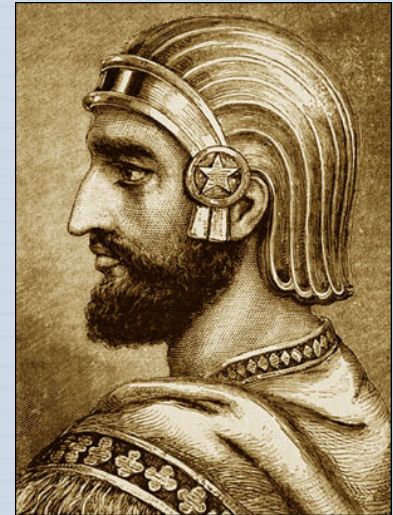
# Persia





# Stage 2: Rise of Persian Empire

- ✦ Charismatic leadership
  - Cyrus the Great
  - Darius
- ✦ Military victories
  - Conquer Mesopotamia,  
Turkey, and Egypt
- ✦ Economic and/or social reform
  - Practiced religious toleration



# The Persian Empire



# Rewards of Persian Empire

- ✦ Bureaucracy
  - Satraps
- ✦ Infrastructure
  - Royal Road
- ✦ Military/Defense
  - The Immortals
- ✦ Culture
  - Architecture
  - Zoroastrianism



A Persian satrap



# The Royal Road

## A Ride Along the Royal Road



### The Road

The road was 1,677 miles in length. There were 111 post or relay stations spaced about 15 miles apart along the road. Other roads branched off the main road to distant parts of the empire.

### The Ride

Relay stations were equipped with fresh horses for the king's messengers. Royal messengers could cover the length of the Royal Road in seven days. Normal travel time along the road was longer. A caravan, for example, might take three months to travel the whole distance.



# The Immortals





# Persian Culture

