**Introduction to Classical Rome and Han China**

Unit 2: Classical Empires

Rome and Han

**Part 1:** *You have been chosen to create and rule a new empire and the task has been placed upon you and your fellow minsters to decide how this empire should be ruled. In groups, address the following questions and be ready to share your answers. Make sure to address the how and why for each of the questions*

1. Should a civilization tolerate or even promote the use of more than one official language?

2. Is government better organized locally or from a central power?

3. Who should build roads, bridges, public buildings, water supplies?

4. How should governments raise money?

**Part 2:**

**What is an empire?**

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**Common Challenges of Empire:**

1. Should they seek to impose their dominant culture and values on their varied subjects?

2. Should they rule directly or should they establish local authorities to rule?

3. How could they get wealthy? Taxes? Tribute? Labor?

4. How can they prevent collapse?

**Part 3:**

**Why are empires important historically?**

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**On a positive note-**

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Part 4:

Han China and Rome-

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**Challenges to Stability in both Han China and Rome-**

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