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## **Herodotus and the Persian Empire**

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer each of the following questions using the reading. Be sure to cite specific evidence from the reading to support your answers.

1. What aspects of Persian society were unusual when compared to other early civilizations we have studied? What was fairly standard?

2. What argument did Cyrus use to persuade the Persians to revolt against the Medes? What did he offer them in return?

3. What mistakes did Astyages make in preventing a revolution? Could the Persian overthrow of the Medes have been avoided? Why or why not?

4. How did Persian origins influence their customs? Use *at least 2* specific customs described by Herodotus and explain how they are influenced by traditional Persian values.

5. Herodotus says “No race is so ready to adopt foreign ways as the Persians;” To what extent do you agree or disagree with that statement? Support your answer with details and examples.