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**CHAPTER 7 Assignment**

**SPRITE CHART DIRECTIONS:** SPRITE charts are a great way to help students organize complex information from the textbook or a supplemental reading.

**Social:** Relates to the manner in which people within a society interact with one another. Social classes, gender roles, age grades, family structure, racial/ethnic/religious issues, etc.

**Political**: Relates to the power structure and governmental institutions within a society. Political structures (type of government), role of leaders, law & order, government functions, military, etc.

**Religious**: Relates to the religious institutions and/or belief structures that are most prevalent in a society. Types of religions, religious groups/cults, holy texts, holidays/traditions, etc.

**Intellectual**: Relates to the ideas/philosophies and artistic achievements that drive a civilization. Education, philosophical developments, new ideas, fields of study (math/science), written works, literature, art/architecture, music, etc.

**Technological**: Relates to physical technological developments that impact a civilization. New inventions, tools, weapons, machines, architecture, etc.

**Economic**: Relates to all developments and interactions that revolve around the exchange of goods and services. Agricultural production, resources/geography, taxes, income, specialization, trade, etc.

**Chapter 7 Critical Thinking Questions**: Answer each of the following questions collectively in your base groups.

1. Examine the rise of the Achaemenid Empire. Discuss the implications of unification under the Achaemenids. How did the Persians rule such a huge, multicultural state? What role did Darius play? How did unification influence southwest Asia?

2. Why did the Achaemenid Empire decline?

3. Examine the development of the Seleucid, Parthian, and Sasanid empires. In what ways were they a continuation of the Achaemenid tradition? In what ways were they different?

4. Compare Zoroastrianism to any of the other religious concepts you’ve seen so far. How was Zarathustra’s philosophy different and in what ways was it influential?

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