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Characteristics of Rising Empires

What factors contribute to the development of an empire?

1. Strong, Central \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Rising empires are ruled by a strong central leader that oversees the entire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The ruler must have firm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the government and the military.
* This ensures \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the empire.

1. Territorial Expansion

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ empires gain new territories.
* Usually results from military \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Unification of diverse populations

* Rising empires cohesively \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people from different ethnic, cultural, or geographical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Empires can unify people under a common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or cause.

1. Cultural diffusion

* Rising empires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their cultures’ scholarly ideas, art, religion, and traditions with new people and places.
* This dispersion of culture commonly results from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or military conquest.