**DIRECTIONS:** Characteristics and accomplishments of empires are one of the most important aspects of Period 2(600BCE-600CE). Being able to identify and evaluate methods of expansion and methods of maintaining these empires will be a key skill of Period 2. Using the reading provided you will able to complete the two charts below to gain background knowledge on these methods of expansion.

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| **DIPLOMACY** |  |  |  |
| **SUPPLY LINES** |  |  |  |
| **FORTS, WALLS, ROADS** |  |  |  |
| **RAISING ARMIES FROM LOCAL POPULATIONS** |  |  |  |
| **SUPPORT TRADE** |  |  |  |