Land Based Empires Definition

- Land Based empires were LARGE CONTINIOUS empires with a LARGE, often ETHNICALLY and CULTURALLY diverse population.

- Period 4 empires were much more ethnically and religiously diverse.
LAND BASED EMPIRES
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Used Religious beliefs/ideas:
- Used to justify their rule
  - GOD PICKED ME!!
- Used to unify people under a singular belief
  - WE ______________ MUST STICK TOGETHER AGAINST THE EVIL ______________
Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my supplication in thy truth and hear me in thy righteousness.
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- Used Art/Monumental Architecture:
  - To show power, wealth, and connection to religion of the empire and leader
    - HOW COULD I BUILD THIS IF I WASN’T SO POWERFUL
  - To show history and accomplishments of the empire and its leader
    - REMEMBER THAT TIME WHEN WE...!!!
Monumental Architecture
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- Rulers weaken/removed power from hereditary nobles & their families

- Took away/limited many of noble’s government responsibilities to centralize power in Emperor/Ruler
  - Especially their tax collection and military responsibilities
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- Empires/Rulers Recruited and appointed bureaucratic elites for better control of population and resources
- Used for better and more efficient tax collection
- DON’T FORGET WHO GAVE YOU THAT AMAZING JOB!!!
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- Empires/Rulers began to rely more on professional/career military

- Professional military gave empires:
  - Greater control over military
  - Way to reward loyalty/service
  - Promote people based on ability
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- Gave special status/protection to some minority groups
- Ensured loyalty and gratitude from these people
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- Creation of new racial and classifications
- Replacing previous ethnic identities that might lead to conflict or lack of loyalty
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- Forced minority groups to adopt empires culture and religion
  - Most common of European Empires

- Yeah…sometimes empires were cool, sometimes they were VERY not cool
Methods of Increasing and Expansion of Empires

- Relied on **New Military Technologies:**
  - Gunpowder and Canons
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- Control of gunpowder technology gave empires massive military advantages and changed fighting strategies
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- Military professionals who control/use gunpowder technology gained status
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- Many empires had to update/change tax collection to fund imperial expansion
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- Allowed local leaders to collect taxes for the government and keep a portion
- Called Tax Farming
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- Conquered regions/allies paid for protection, level of independence, etc.
- Called Tribute Collection
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- Many empires began to require taxes to be paid in government issued currency
- Increased gov control over people
- Money can be used to directly pay military salaries, build infrastructure, etc.
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- Rivalries/war with other major empires over:
  - Religious beliefs & Identity
    - Who is the TRUE Caliphate, Christian vs Islam, etc
  - Control of trade routes, cities, and ports
  - Every wants that sweet sweet tax revenue
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- Rivalries were also used to build loyalty and justify government decisions

- We must raise our taxes to give our military the resources to defeat the dirty rotten_____________
Empires faced major issues as they expanded

- Local resistance and rebellions:
  - By conquered people
    - WHY SHOULD I BE UNDER YOUR CONTROL???
  - By overtaxed/overworked local peasants
    - WHY AM I PAYING FOR YOUR PALACE AND WARS???
Increased money/finances to fund expansion:
- Taxation on peasants farming
- Tribute Collection from conquered people