Summary
This book is about how two great emperors, Cyrus II and Darius I, created and ruled the Persian Empire.

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Look at the picture and answer the questions.

1. Where is this ancient site located? ________________

2. What kind of religious building was this? ________________

3. What kind of leader was Darius I? ________________

4. What empire did Darius I rule? ________________
Vocabulary

A Read and match.

1. a. generous

2. b. ancient

3. c. temple

4. d. kindness

5. e. soldier

6. f. modern

7. g. battle

8. h. narrow
B Write the word for each definition.

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1. ____________  to move widely in different directions

2. ____________  quick at learning and understanding things

3. ____________  a group of countries ruled by one nation

4. ____________  treating everyone in the same way

5. ____________  the most important town or city of a country

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. Emperor Cyrus II was known for his kindness and not for mean or unkind behavior.
   a. cruelty  b. narrow  c. battle  d. defeat

2. At one time, the Persian Empire was a very strong state.
   a. capital  b. generous  c. powerful  d. escape

3. Today, tourists can visit very old sites and learn about Persian and Greek history.
   a. temple  b. ancient  c. expand  d. modern

4. Darius I built the Royal Road so that he could share information easily with the far corners of his empire.
   a. administrator  b. trade  c. unite  d. communicate
Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

a. In 479 BC, the Persians tried to beat the Greeks, but the Greeks had more soldiers and won the war.

b. Cyrus I was a great leader who led his empire well and fairly.

c. The Battle of Salamis was fought between the Greeks and the Persians on ships.

1. ________  
2. ________  
3. ________

B Choose the best answer.

1. What did Cyrus do after attacking the city of Babylon?
   a. He showed cruelty instead of kindness.
   b. He killed the people.
   c. He collected taxes from the people.
   d. He showed the people that he was generous.

2. How did Darius build trade in the empire?
   a. He created a common set of laws.
   b. He created new ways to collect taxes.
   c. He allowed the states in his empire to have some control.
   d. All of the above

3. What war become one of the most important in world history?
   a. The Greco-Persian war  
   b. The Battle of Marathon  
   c. The Battle of Salamis  
   d. The Battle of Babylon
C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

a. One of the greatest builders of all time
b. 1,500 km long
c. A country that is now just one country
d. Built to celebrate Greece's victory
e. A man who was influenced by both Cyrus and Darius

1. ________ 2. ________ 3. ________ 4. ________

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. ________ The ancient Greeks were enemies with the Persians from modern-day Iran.

2. ________ Persia was once made up of different states, each with their own leaders.

3. ________ Cyrus II, King of Persia, was known for his cruelty, not kindness.

4. ________ Darius I wanted to expand his empire father into Egypt, India, and Greece, so he built a road.

5. ________ Darius I gave up attacking the Greeks after his army was defeated at the battle of Marathon.
**Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

1. Darius I was a great administrator, and he created laws to help _____________ trade.

   - [ **unite** ]
   - [ **expand** ]

2. Darius I built _____________ in many cities such as Percepolis and Susa in modern-day Iran.

   - [ **capitals** ]
   - [ **temples** ]

3. At the battle of Marathon in 490 BC, Darius’s _____________ was defeated.

   - [ **army** ]
   - [ **trade** ]

4. Cyrus and Darius’s people loved them because they were _____________ and did not hurt them.

   - [ **fair** ]
   - [ **clever** ]

5. Persia was made up of different states until Cyrus II united them all to create one _____________.

   - [ **army** ]
   - [ **emprise** ]

**Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.**

a. ________ The Persians were defeated by the Greeks during the Battle of Salamis.

b. ________ Cyrus II united the different states in Persia to create the Persian Empire.

c. ________ Darius I became the leader of the Persian Empire after Cyrus died.

d. ________ The Persians attacked the Greeks many times during the Greco-Persian War.

e. ________ Darius wanted to expand his empire into Greece, but the Greeks fought back.
**A** Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

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<td>Two great leaders, Cyrus II and Darius, ruled their people with __________ and fairness.</td>
<td>They created the Persian Empire, which was the most __________ state in the world during its time.</td>
<td>The Persian Empire lasted for almost two __________ years, from 550 BC to 330 BC.</td>
<td>The Persian __________ went from Iran to Egypt, and from eastern Europe to India.</td>
<td>At one time, 2,600 years ago, Persia was made up of different states with their own leaders, and Cyrus II decided to __________ them all to create one powerful empire.</td>
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**B** Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned ____________________________________________________________
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Before I read this book, I knew ______________________________________________________
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Now I also know _________________________________________________________________
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