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Part Two: **The Classical Era in World History, 500 b.c.e. - 500** **c.e.** (Original: pp. 87-93; With Sources: pp. 133-139)

Chapter 4, **Eurasian Empires, 500 b.c.e. - 500** **c.e.**, Study Guide (Original: pp. 87-122; With Sources: pp. 143-169)

1. What were the changes and continuities in Second Wave Civilizations?

**Continuities:**

**Changes:**

**Empires and Civilizations in Collison: The Persians and the Greeks**

2. What is an empire and what does it do?

3. How did the Persian and Greek civilizations differ in their political organization and values?

**Persians:**

**Greeks:**

4. How was Athenian democracy different from modern democracy?

5. What had the Greek victory against the Persians do for Athenian democracy?

6. After the Greco-Persian Wars, what were the causes and effects of the Peloponnesian War?

7. What changes did Alexander’s conquests bring in their wake?

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8. What happened to Alexander’s empire when he died?

**Comparing Empires: Roman and Chinese**

9. How did Rome grow from a single city to the center of a huge empire?

10. How and why did the making of the Chinese empire differ from that of the Roman Empire?

11. Compare the Roman and Chinese Empires. (Original: pp. 114-116; With Sources:)

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| Chinese Empire | Similarities | Roman Empire |
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12. How was the collapse of the Roman Empire ***different*** from the Han Empire in China?

**Roman Empire:**

**Han Empire:**

13. What eventually happened to Western Europe after the collapse of the Roman Empire?

14. Why were Europeans unable to reconstruct something of the unity of their classical empire while China did?

**Intermittent Empire: The Case of India**

15. Why were centralized empires so much less prominent in India than in China? (Original: p. 119 and p. 121; With Sources:)

16. Give examples of Ashoka’s reign over the Mauryan Empire.