**Part II: Expanding Networks**

**Complete the following questions BEFORE going to the Powerpoint – Expanding Empires:**

1. If you wanted to buy a product that was not available in your local town or city, how could you do it? List as many ways as you can think of:
2. If you wanted to give a message to someone living 1,000 miles away, how could you do it? List as many ways as you can think of:
3. If you wanted to learn about religions, customs, or traditions other than your own, how could you go about finding that information? List as many ways as you can think of:
4. Now imagine you are living, around 1200 BCE. Look at your answers to the three questions above, cross off your lists all methods of exchange that did not exist in that era.

**Now you may continue viewing the slides in the presentation about networks of exchange.**

The slides describe FOUR different types of NETWORKS OF EXCHANGE: routs, empires, writing and religions.

1. Provide 4 details about Routes
2. Provide 4 details about Empires

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| **State** | **Approximate year** | **Approximate size in square miles** |
| Han empire | 50 B.C.E. | 2,509,000 |
| Achaemenid Persian empire | 500 B.C.E. | 2,123,000 |
| Roman empire | 100 C.E. | 1,698,400 |
| Continental United States | Present | 3,021,296 |

1. Provide 4 details about Writing
2. Provide 4 details about Religions

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| **Belief system** | **Time of appearance** | **Homeland** |
| Buddhism | 5th century B.C.E. | Northern India |
| Christianity | 1st century C.E. | Southwest Asia |
| Confucianism | 5th century B.C.E. | Northern China |
| Daoism (Taoism) | 5th century B.C.E. | Northern China |
| Hinduism | early 1st millennium B.C.E. | Northern India |
| Judaism | early 1st millennium B.C.E. | Southwest Asia |

1. How did the development of interregional networks of exchange and alphabetic writing systems contribute to the spread of world religions?