BIG HISTORY PROJECT / LESSON 8.0 ACTIVITY

WHAT CAUSED EXPANSION?

Name:

STUDENT MATERIALS

Date:

**Directions**: Imagine that you are part of the ruling class of an agrarian civilization. You have a problem: Your civilization is running low on resources! You have two options: raise taxes on your citizens or conquer a neighboring civilization. Choose one of these options (tax or invade) and then answer the following questions. Be prepared to share your answers with the class when you’re finished.

1. What would it take to execute your plan? Come up with a general plan of action.
2. What are the benefits to your method of increasing revenue?
3. What are the costs (economic, political, cultural, geographical) and dangers of your plan?