**Andrew Marr’s History of the World Episode 2 “Age of Empire”**

Thesis and Marr’s Introduction to Age of Empire: 1. What is Marr’s thesis statement in the episode “Age of Empire? ( You can come back to this at the end if you are uncertain now)

Part 1: The Assyrians- King Sennacherib

2. In what ways was Sennacherib’s Assyrian Empire the prototype for empire builders of the Classical Era?

3. The great gift of the Assyrian age was the “scratchings” of a group of sailors and traders. What was the remarkable export of the Phoenicians? In what way would this technology be a revolutionary break through?

Part 2. The Persians-Cyrus the Great

4. What is the economic significance of the standardized currency that the Persians adopted from the Lydians? What is the political significance of currency?

5. Why is the Persian defeat of the Babylonian Empire cited as an example of their religious tolerance? How did Cyrus enable monotheism to spread?