Answer Sheet for Student Handout #6 - "EMPIRE" FRAYER MODEL

Definition:

- **An empire is a group of organized societies that span a large geographic area and are united and ruled by a central authority… either a monarch/emperor or an oligarchy.**

Essential features:

(what it has to have to be an empire)

- **Central control -** government by a central authority like an emperor or oligarchy
- **Strong military** used to control territory
- Large expanse of territory including **different cultural and geographic regions**
- **Trade networks/Public Routes**
- **Bureaucracy**
- **Standardization of weights/measures, currency, calendars, legal codes**
- **Public works/infrastructure**

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Examples:

- **The Roman Empire**
- **The Empire of Alexander the Great**
- **The Persian Empire**
- **The Mauryan Empire**
- **The Galactic Empire!**

Non-examples

- **The Lapita culture of Oceania**
- **The Bantu peoples of western and southern Africa**
- **The city of Ur**
- **The kingdom of Babylonia**
- **The state of Michigan**