

## Consolidating Power

*How did land-based empires consolidate power in this era?*

*What are the various methods used by land-based empires to collect taxes in this era?*

**Consolidating Power (continued)**

*Why were large powerful militaries & elite cadres of soldiers essential in this era?*

*How did religion both legitimize powers in this era and also tear them apart?*

*How did leaders legitimize their rule through art and architecture?*