**World History: An Age of Greek and Persian Power**

**Instructions:**

**Read the explanation of Cyrus the Great and Ashoka. Then answer the questions below using information from the reading.**

**Make a generalization about how the rulers were similar and different**

1. **How does each emperor prove his right to rule?**
2. **Who do these emperors see as their subjects?**
3. **Does either of these documents indicate that its author feels any responsibilities to the people he rules? Explain.**
4. **What was the purpose of these decrees? Why did these rulers write them?**

**Choose one ruler from the empire worksheet and write a statement to your subjects. Use the information from the empire activity to come up with a topic and what you think that ruler would say about it. Use the decrees from Ashoka and Cyrus as examples.**