

# Empires Through the Ages

(This list does not include the British, Spanish, and other large European colonial empires.)

| Empire               | Subcontinent    | Famous Person       | Approximate date | Maximum land area (million mi <sup>2</sup> ) | Percent of world land area | Rank on list of 200 largest empires | Rank of others in same area different time | Maximum population (millions) | Percent of world population at the time |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| New Kingdom of Egypt | NE Africa       | Akhenaten           | -1300            | 0.39   | 0.67%                      | 125                                 |  |                               |   |
| Assyrian Empire      | SW Asia         | Ashurbanipal        | -650             | 0.54   | 0.94%                      | 100                                 |  |                               |   |
| Persian Empire       | SW Asia         | Cyrus, Darius       | -500             | 3.28   | 5.36%                      | 6                                   |  | 50                            | 45                                      |
| Macedonian Empire    | Europe, Asia    | Alexander           | -325             | 2.01   | 3.49%                      | 13                                  |  | 50                            | 30                                      |
| Maurya Empire        | S Asia          | Ashoka              | -200             | 1.93   | 3.36%                      | 16                                  | 17,18                                      | 60                            | 40                                      |
| Han Dynasty          | E Asia          | Emperor Wu          | 0                | 2.51   | 4.36%                      | 11                                  | 3,4,10,12                                  | 58                            | 19                                      |
| Roman Empire         | Europe, Africa  | Julius Caesar, Nero | 100              | 1.93   | 3.36%                      | 15                                  |  | 70                            | 35                                      |
| Kushan Empire        | C Asia          | Kanishka, Vasudeva  | 200              | 1.47   | 2.55%                      | 30                                  |  | 42                            | 19                                      |
| Aksum Empire         | E Africa        | King Ezana, Kaleb   | 350              | 0.48   | 0.84%                      | 113                                 |  |                               |   |
| Umayyad Caliphate    | SW Asia, Africa | (Muhammad) Mu'awiya | 700              | 5.79   | 10.07%                     | 2                                   | 5,8  | 62                            | 29                                      |
| Carolingian Francia  | NW Europe       | Charlemagne         | 800              | 0.46   | 0.81%                      | 115                                 |  |                               |   |
| Kievan Rus           | E Europe        | Yaroslav            | 900              | 0.81   | 1.41%                      | 74                                  |  |                               |   |
| Almoravid Emirate    | NE Africa       | Yusuf Ibn Tashfin   | 1100             | 1.27   | 2.22%                      | 43                                  |  |                               |   |
| Khmer                | SE Asia         | Suyarvarman         | 1150             | 0.46   | 0.81%                      | 114                                 |  | 4                             | 1                                       |
| Srivijaya Empire     | Indonesia       |                     | 1200             | 0.46   | 0.81%                      | 116                                 |  |                               |   |
| Mongol Empire        | C Asia, E Asia  | Chinggis Khan       | 1250             | 12.74  | 22.29%                     | 1                                   |  | 110                           | 26                                      |
| Mali Empire          | W Africa        | Mansa Musa          | 1300             | 0.50   | 0.87%                      | 109                                 |  | 45                            | 10                                      |
| Aztec Empire         | Mexico          | Moctezuma           | 1450             | 0.08   | 0.15%                      | 194                                 |  |                               |   |
| Inca Empire          | S America       | Tupac Inca          | 1500             | 0.77   | 1.34%                      | 85                                  |  |                               |   |
| Ottoman Empire       | Turkey etc.     | Osman, Mehmed       | 1600             | 2.00   | 3.49%                      | 14                                  |  | 35                            | 7                                       |