**Comparing Greece and Rome**

***Funeral Oration*, Pericles**

1. How does Pericles describe Athenian democracy?

2. Does his argument for democracy derive from fundamental principles, such as human equality, or from the practical benefits that derive from such a system of government?

3. What kind of citizen does he believe democracy produces?

4. How would a critic of Pericles’ beliefs respond to his arguments?

***The Roman Oration*, Aelius Aristides**

1. What does Aristidies identify as the unique feature of the Roman Empire?

2. Which of these features may have given the government a sense of legitimacy in the eyes of its peoples?

3. What does Aristides mean by referring to the empire as a “common democracy of the world”?

4. Why might Aristides , A Greek-speaking resident of a land well outside the Roman heartland, be so enamored of the empire?

5. To what extent does Aristides’ oration provide evidence for the development of a combined Greco-Roman culture and way of thinking in the Roman Empire?