1. How does the British Empire begin? What are the signs that one civilization might be poised to become a long lasting empire?

2. Where are the biggest cities in empires typically located? Why do you think this is? What advantages does the terrain pose? Disadvantages?

3. Why do you think leaders of empires place great importance on building architectural monuments? How do these monuments shape their legacy? Do you think they intended for the structures to last forever?

4. What costs are involved in building a great structure (choose one of the engineering marvels discussed in the video to focus on for your answers)? Do you think the final product is worth the cost? Why?

5. Who were the key leaders, and what were the major advancements and innovations of this era?

6. What are some of the reasons an empire like Britain may lose power?

7. What time period does this episode cover?

8. How is this empire remembered today? How does it compare with others you have studied?