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SECTION 2

**Note Taking Study Guide**  
INVADERS, TRADERS, AND EMPIRE BUILDERS

**Focus Question:** How did various strong rulers unite the lands of the Fertile Crescent into well-organized empires?

*As you read this section in your textbook, complete the table below to identify the main ideas about the different empires under each red heading.*

Red Heading	Main Idea
First Empires Arise in Mesopotamia	
Conquests Bring New Empires and Ideas	