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## Life in the Shadows: A Glimpse into Persian Empire's Ordinary Citizens

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. How do you think Cyrus felt about living in the shadows of the empire's grandeur? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.
2. In what ways did the power and might of the Persian Empire impact the daily life of ordinary citizens like Cyrus?
3. Discuss the significance of traditions and customs in maintaining a sense of identity and belonging among Cyrus and his fellow citizens.
4. Reflect on the importance of family and community in Cyrus's life. How did these relationships shape his perspective on his role in the empire?

