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

### Short Answer Key

1. Cyrus sold colorful fabrics in his textile stall, and his customers included both locals and travelers.
2. Cyrus and his family spent their evenings gathered in their small, adobe home, sharing meals of rice and lamb.
3. Ordinary citizens faced challenges such as heavy taxes and the constant presence of the empire's vast army.
4. Shared traditions and customs provided a sense of belonging and identity in a world dominated by the empire's might.
5. Cyrus considered the love and warmth of his family the true wealth of his life.

