

**USING VISUAL CUES** Cut out the flash cards below and study the vocabulary words for this section.

<p><b>Cyrus the Great</b></p> <p><i>proper noun</i></p>	<p>king of the Persians and Medes who won independence for Persians and conquered the Medes; considered by historians to be the founder of the Persian Empire</p>
<p><b>cavalry</b></p> <p><i>noun</i></p>	<p>a group of soldiers who ride on horses</p>
<p><b>Darius I</b></p> <p><i>proper noun</i></p>	<p>ruler of the Persian Empire who called himself the king of kings; restored order to the empire and built a new capital called Persepolis</p>

**Persian  
Wars**

a series of wars between  
Persia and Greece in the  
400s BC

*proper noun*

**Xerxes I**

a Persian ruler who was  
defeated in his attempt  
to conquer Greece in  
480 BC

*proper noun*