- good ruler ends chaos
- organizes the Kingdom into provinces appointed satras (governors, tattled to the King about invasions. collected taxes).
- Held accountable by the group called the King’s “eyes and ears”
- **Xerxes**
  - son of Cambyses, takes over after Darius’ death
  - known for a failed attempt to take over Greece
- **Starap**
  - government officials sent to collect taxes and monitor the people