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### Correspondence with Trajan

**1. What function do public works and organizations play in the administration of the empire, according to those letters? What problems do Pliny and Trajan face in promoting public works?**

Public works functioned for the advancement of the kings' glory as well as a means of social control and management. It was also seen as providing a service for the people. For example, the Aqueduct project was to provide water to the city of Nicomedia, machines that serve to extinguish fires were to assist home owners in fighting fires that were intentionally started hence creating a safer environment. Then you have the public pool for bathing. A theatre, and gymnasium also served as a form of entertainment all of which these works ultimately played a role in contributing to the splendor of Trajan's kingdom and empire and a means of social regulation. Some of the problems they faced were; poor architecture and expenses.

**2. How do the proposals and the decisions visible in these letters reflect the Frameworks pyramid model of hierarchy? How do they reflect the fundamental constraints ("low and slow") on the Agrarian societies that the model portrays?**

It seems the general people had a means of communication with the kings' administration and were allowed a more independent lifestyle as opposed to a controlling one. The fundamental

restraints are reflected in how their agricultural progress was hindered by failing projects and poor money management and the need for a reliable water source. Communication was slow because all communication had to go through the kings administration to be approved by the king and then back before any progress could be made. These would explain some of the fundamental constraints they faced.