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From Ancient Rome to Modern America

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openness to new ideas and people, competition and empowerment of individuals are key drivers in the development and adoption of transformative innovations.

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