

# Alexander the Great

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## Summary

This book is about the life and accomplishments of Alexander the Great.

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# Before Reading

## Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. What area is now known as modern-day Iran? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did an emperor or king rule over? \_\_\_\_\_
3. To expand their kingdoms, what did rulers do? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How can soldiers be described? \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary

## A Read and match.



• a. poison

• b. cruel

• c. pregnant

• d. empire

• e. engineer

• f. priest

• g. surrender

• h. accomplish

**B Write the word for each definition.**

malaria

rise up

philosophy

rule

resistance

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to be in control or exercise power over an area and group of people
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to fight against a ruler or government
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the attempt to prevent something by action or argument
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the study of the nature of knowledge and existence
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a serious disease that is passed to humans through mosquito bites

**C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.**

1. Some people do not think it is entirely correct to call Alexander “great.”
  - a. cruel
  - b. accurate
  - c. brave
  - d. false
2. Some of the empires of ancient times were huge.
  - a. small
  - b. intense
  - c. modern
  - d. massive
3. Alexander persuaded some Greek cities to see him as their leader.
  - a. convinced
  - b. rebelled
  - c. captured
  - d. conquered
4. Those that refuse to follow the rules are often punished.
  - a. surrender to
  - b. kill
  - c. rebel
  - d. poison

## Comprehension

### A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. There are over 70 cities named after Alexander, one of which is in Egypt.
- b. Alexander died young, but he accomplished a lot before he died.
- c. Alexander the Great was a skilled general who could win battles against much bigger armies.



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

### B Choose the best answer.

1. Which Greek god did Alexander claim to be the son of?
  - a. Poseidon
  - b. Apollo
  - c. Zeus
  - d. Hermes
2. Which empire did Alexander the Great defeat?
  - a. The Ottoman Empire
  - b. The Babylonian Empire
  - c. The Roman Empire
  - d. The Persian Empire
3. Which leader did Alexander the Great inspire?
  - a. Gandhi
  - b. Napoleon
  - c. Queen Elizabeth II
  - d. All of the above

**C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.**

- a. The ruins at Alexander the Great's birthplace
- b. Mighty soldiers in the midst of battle
- c. One of many statues of Alexander the Great
- d. Aristotle and his student
- e. A painting of Alexander the Great and Roxana



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_

**D Read each sentence. Write "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander the Great's hero was Achilles.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander learned how to lead an army from his father, King Philip II.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander the Great was a kindhearted leader who loved his people.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander died in an intense battle against the Persians.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander the Great never got married and did not have any children.

**E Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

1. Alexander the Great was born in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Macedonia    Persia
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious disease spread by mosquitoes. Some people believe  
Malaria    Poison  
Alexander died from it.
3. In Thebes, people who did not want to be ruled by Alexander the Great \_\_\_\_\_.  
rebelled    surrendered
4. Alexander the Great built a large \_\_\_\_\_, but it did not last forever.  
philosophy    empire
5. It is unfortunate that Alexander the Great was also \_\_\_\_\_ and bad-mannered.  
cruel    courageous

**F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander invaded India.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander became king after his father died.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander got sick and died at the age of 32.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander defeated King Darius at the Battle of Issus.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander studied philosophy, poetry, drama, science, and politics under Aristotle.

## Think About It

**A** Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
During his studies, Alexander learned the story of the strong and courageous fighter _____ and wanted to be like him.	Alexander wanted to accomplish his father's dream of _____ the Persian Empire.	In _____, Alexander defeated Darius at the Battle of Gaugamela and named himself the King of Asia.	Alexander the Great's empire stretched from Greece all the way to the border of _____.	Alexander the Great was one of the world's famous leaders, but some people question whether he was actually "great" because he was _____ to many of the people he conquered.

**B** Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Before I read this book, I knew \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Now I also know \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_