

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.

courageous

Macedonia



empire

Persia

conquered territories

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.

1.



2.



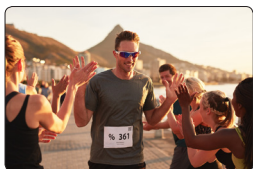
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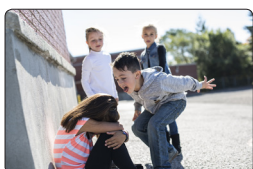
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6.



7.



8.



• 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.

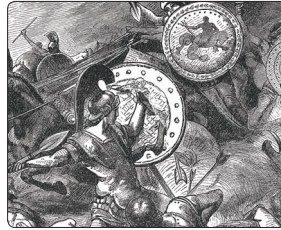
1. Which Greek god did Alexander claim to be the son of?
 - a. Poseidon
 - b. Apollo
 - c. Zeus
 - d. Hermes
2. Which empire did Alexander the Great defeat?
 - a. The Ottoman Empire
 - b. The Babylonian Empire
 - c. The Roman Empire
 - d. The Persian Empire
3. Which leader did Alexander the Great inspire?
 - 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 Alexander died from it.
Malaria Poison
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 _____

_____.