

Name: _____

Date: _____



ALEXANDER THE GREAT

COMPREHENSION

Use the information on the page
to find the answers to the questions below.



LIFE AND TIMES

- Alexander was born in Pella, Macedonia, in 356 BCE.
- His father was King Philip II of Macedon, and his mother was Olympias.
- Around the age of 13, Alexander began studying with the great philosopher Aristotle at Mieza in Macedon.
- In 336 BCE, Philip II was assassinated and Alexander became king at the age of 20.
- Alexander wanted to expand his kingdom and spread Greek influence into Asia.
- In 334 BCE, he led his army across Asia to defeat the mighty Persian Empire.
- Alexander won many famous battles, including the Battle of Issus and the Battle of Gaugamela.
- He often allowed local customs and traditions to continue after his conquests.
- He encouraged **cooperation** between Macedonians, Greeks and Persians.
- Ancient writers credit Alexander with founding many cities, including several called Alexandria.
- Some of these cities later became important centres of learning and trade.
- Alexander died in Babylon in 323 BCE at the age of 32.

QUESTIONS

1. Where was Alexander the Great born?

2. In what year (BCE) was he born?

3. Who were Alexander's parents?

4. Who did Alexander begin studying with when he was 13?

5. In what year (BCE) did Alexander become king?

6. How old was Alexander when he became king?

7. What was Alexander's goal?

8. In what year (BCE) did Alexander begin his campaign in Asia?

9. Name two famous battles Alexander won.
_____ and _____
10. How did Alexander treat the people in the lands he conquered?

11. What did Alexander encourage between different peoples?

12. Where did Alexander die, and how old was he?

ALEXANDER IS KNOWN FOR

- ★ Leading one of the largest empires of the ancient world.
- ★ Building a huge empire that stretched from Greece to India.
- ★ His bravery and skill in battle.
- ★ Spreading Greek language, ideas and culture to many lands.
- ★ Founding cities that later became centres of learning and trade.



ALEXANDER'S EMPIRE

Alexander's empire at its greatest extent
before his death in 323 BCE.



Alexander travelled thousands of miles
with his army!

ANSWER THE EXTRA!

- ★ What was the name of Alexander's teacher?

- ★ Name one city that Alexander founded.



THINK LIKE ALEXANDER!

Alexander believed in big ideas and taking action.
Write one question you would ask him if you could meet him.

