

Year 3 History Knowledge Organiser - Alexander the Great

Greece and Macedon

1. The Greeks hated the Persians
2. The Persian Empire was huge: Greek city-states felt threatened
3. Persia also took Macedon
4. Greek foot-soldiers (hoplites) eventually pushed the Persians out of Macedon
5. A new king for Macedon: Philip of Macedon
6. The Greek city-states were scared of Philip
7. Philip used all of the lessons he learnt from the Thebans against the Greeks
8. The Greeks and Philip formed a **league**

Alexander's battles

Battle of Issus

1. A Persian army waited for Alexander and his army
2. Persian army was commanded by Darius
3. Alexander's army fought hard and Darius ran away



Gaugmela Battle

1. Darius chose a flat plain called Gaugmela
2. Darius' men walked up and down the ground to flatten it as much as possible
3. Darius had secret weapons: **chariots** with knives built into wheels
4. Alexander won again: Darius **retreated** and ran away

What happened next?

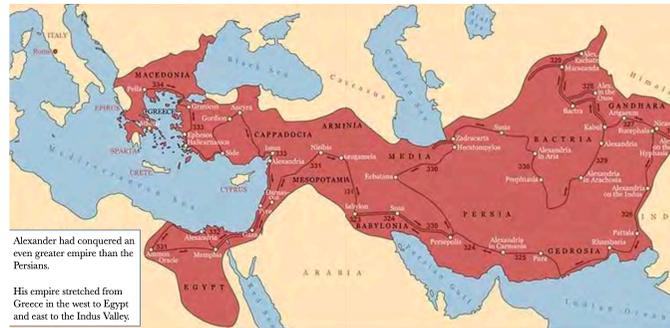
1. Alexander and his army went to Babylon
2. The people of Babylon thought Alexander was greater than Darius
3. Alexander travelled east and fought more battles
4. Alexander and his best friend died on their journey home

Alexander the Great

1. Son of Philip of Macedon
2. Aristotle taught Alexander
3. Alexander loved to learn: especially the story of the Greeks conquering Troy
4. Alexander trained and bought Bucephalus (untamed horse)
5. Alexander became king when Philip of Macedon was killed
6. Alexander marched to the other Greek city-states to get the support of the **League** of Corinth
7. They then went to battle with the Persians, fighting against King Darius
8. Alexander was a brave leader who fought with his men



Alexander's empire



Timeline

382 BC	Philip of Macedon was born
359 BC	Philip of Macedon becomes king of Macedon
356 BC	Alexander the Great born
336 BC	Philip of Macedon assassinated Alexander the Great becomes ruler of Macedonia
333 BC	Battle of Issus: Alexander won!
331 BC	Battle of Gaugmela: Alexander won!
323 BC	Alexander the Great died
283 BC	Alexander's successor, Ptolemy, founded the library of Alexandria

Important People

1. Philip of Macedon: king of the kingdom Macedon
2. Alexander the Great: a military general and king
3. Aristotle: a Greek philosopher and teacher
4. Cleitus: Alexander's friend
5. Darius: King of the Persian Empire
6. Hephaesticion: Alexander's best friend
7. Ptolemy: a general who seized control of Egypt
8. Euclid: studied and wrote books in **Alexandria**
9. Claudius Ptolemy: a Greek **astronomer** who went to work in Alexandria (studied how planets moved)
10. Galen: went to study medicine in **Alexandria** (wrote books about human body)

Vocabulary

1. Hoplite	A Greek foot soldier
2. Hostage	A person held, often under threat
3. Sarissa	A long spear
4. Phalanx	A tightly packed group of soldiers in rows
5. League	A collection of people or groups
6. Prophecy	A prediction about the future
7. Assassinated	Executed or killed
8. Wagon	A vehicle with wheels used for transporting goods
9. Alexandria	A city in Egypt
10. Chariots	A two-wheeled vehicle drawn by horses
11. Retreating	Pulling back from the enemy
12. Scrolls	A roll of parchment or paper with writing on
13. Geometry	An element of maths that relates to distance, shape, size and position of figures
14. Astronomy	The branch of science that looks at space