

## Alexander the Great Note Guide \*

- Macedonia was a territory just to the north of Greece
- In 359BCE, Phillip II becomes king of Macedonia
  - He wants to control all of Greece
- Athens fears Philip II and calls for Greek city-states to unite
- Philip II easily Conquers Athens
  - Other Greek city-states see this and they immediately Submit to Macedonians
- Philip was a great military leader
- His main weapon was a phalanx
  - phalanx - A group of soldiers who stood close together in a square
  - Very effective; when one soldier died, another quickly took his place
- Phillip's phalanx had very long spears
- Philip then wanted to conquer Persia
  - But he dies in 336 BCE
- Alexander (his son) comes into power next
- As soon as Thebes found out, they rebelled against Alexander
- In one year, Alexander destroys Thebes
  - Makes everyone who lives in Thebes a Slave
- Alexander became one of the world's greatest Conquerors
  - That's why we call him Alexander the Great
- 334 BCE - Alexander battles the Persians
- Alexander defeats Persians quickly at Granicus

- Alexander defeats the Persians again at Issus
- Alexander then goes to Egypt
  - Conquered them without a fight
  - Crowned Pharaoh
  - Creates a city named Alexandria
- Alexander chases the Persians and defeats them again at Gaugamela
  - Alexander becomes king of the Persian Empire
- At the Indus River, his soldiers are exhausted and refuse to go on
  - 332 BCE - Alexander the Great dies of disease at 33 years old
- Alexander the Great had created the largest empire the world had ever seen
- Because of Alexander the Great, Greek culture spread quickly throughout the World at that time
  - It Combined with other cultures at the same time
  - These combined cultures are called Hellenistic
  - Hellenistic - Greek like
- After Alexander died, his generals fought for power
- They split the empire into three kingdoms
  - Macedonia, Egypt and Syria (Persia)
  - Macedonia kingdom was conquered by the Romans
  - Syrian kingdom was conquered by the Romans
  - Egyptian kingdom was conquered by the Romans