

Information Sheet

Module Title: Alexander the Great. Was He or Wasn't He a Great Military Leader?

Module Description (overview):

Throughout history, many military leaders have led conquests as a way to increase power and as a result have established an improved status in modern textbooks. Some of the most exceptional of these generals have been assigned the label of "great". Historians often argue in comparing the greatest of these commanders and whether they deserve such reverence. One of the men that is always used as a standard-bearer is Alexander the Great, because of his success in battle and the influence he had on those he followed. The question really becomes, how "great" was this young Macedonian king?

Template Task (include number, type, level)	Teaching Task
<p>Task 2 Argumentation/Analysis [Insert essential question] After reading _____ (literature or informational texts), write an _____ (essay or substitute) that addresses the question and support your position with evidence from the text(s). L2 Be sure to acknowledge competing views. L3 Give examples from past or current events or issues to illustrate and clarify your position</p>	<p>From a historical perspective, how "great" was Alexander as a military commander? After reading a variety of informational and persuasive texts, write an essay that addresses the question and support your position with evidence from the text(s). L2 Be sure to acknowledge competing views. L3 Give examples from past or current events or issues to illustrate and clarify your position</p>

Grade(s)/Level: 8th

Discipline: Social Studies

Course: Ancient World History

Materials, references and supports

For Teachers	For Students
<p>-Teachers will provide hard copy resources as well as a wiki space http://cedars.lebanon.k12.pa.us/groups/worldhistory/ for students to reference and explore the resources:</p> <p>Brown , Bryan. "Alexander the Great: This Great Military Genius Changed the World." <i>Junior Scholastic</i>. 21 October 2005: 12-13. Print.</p> <p>"Alexander the Great and Visionary Leadership." <i>Journal</i>. July 2005: Print.</p> <p>"The Legacy of Alexander the Great." <i>Article Click</i>. Article Click, n.d. Web. 3 Mar 2011. <http://www.articleclick.com/Article/The-Legacy-of-Alexander-the-Great/922862>.</p> <p>Dye, Lee. "Study Suggests Alexander Not So Great." <i>ABC News</i> 19 June 2010. Web. 3 Mar 2011. <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/story?id=97611&page=1>.</p> <p>Carter , John. "Alexander and Caesar." <i>Livius</i>. Web. 3 Mar 2011. <http://www.livius.org/aj-al/alexander/alexander_t65.html>.</p>	<p>- Possible thesis statements:</p> <p>A. Alexander, the young king of Macedonia, was the greatest military commander ever to lead an army into battle and is deserving of the title, Alexander the Great.</p> <p>B. Alexander, the young Macedonian king, was an exceptional military commander, but his many flaws should keep him from being considered "great".</p> <p>- Advanced students may seek</p>

<p>Various Contributors . "Alexander The Great vs Napoleon Bonaparte." Diffen, 9 September 2010. Web. 3 Mar 2011. <http://www.diffen.com/difference/Alexander_The_Great_vs_Napolean_Bonaparte>.</p> <p>Ravilious, Kate. "Alexander the Great Conquered City via Sunken Sandbar." <i>National Geographic News</i> 15 May 2007: np.. Web. 4 Mar 2011. <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/05/070515-alexander-great.html>.</p> <p>Various Staff. "Top 10 Reasons Alexander the Great Was, Well ... Great!." <i>Live Science</i>, 10 December 2004. Web. 8 Mar 2011. <http://www.livescience.com/11315-top-10-reasons-alexander-great-great-13.html>.</p> <p>"Alejandro Magno." <i>Wikipedia</i>. Wikimedia Foundation, 8 Mar 2011. Web. 9 Mar 2011. <http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alejandro_Magno>.</p> <p>Spielvogel, Jackson J. . <i>World History: Journey Across Time, The Early Ages</i>. New York, NY: Glencoe McGraw-Hill , 2008. 175-181. Print.</p> <p>Gall, Timothy. <i>The Lincoln Library of Shapers of Society: 101 Men and Women Who Shaped Our World</i>. I. Cleveland, OH: Lincoln Library Press, 2008. 10-21. Print.</p> <p>Worthington, Ian. "Was Alexander Really Great?: A Great General vs. a Great King ." <i>World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras</i>. ABC-CLIO, 2011. Web. 11 Mar. 2011.</p> <p>Cheshire, Keyne. "Was Alexander Really Great?: The "Great"-ness of Alexander III of Macedon." <i>World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras</i>. ABC-CLIO, 2011. Web. 11 Mar. 2011.</p> <p>Freeman, Philip. "Was Alexander Really Great?: Alexander: His Empire and Legacy." <i>World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras</i>. ABC-CLIO, 2011. Web. 11 Mar. 2011.</p>	<p>out their own additional resources.</p>
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Alexander, The Great

Alexander the Great, "This Great Military Genius Changed The Face Of The World." Alexander the Great's conquests have proven that he is the most outstanding of all military commanders. As a general, Alexander shared all the difficulties and hardship with his men. He showed his men that he could get through anything. He got through exhaustion, cold, heat, and a long tiresome walk.

Alexander put his men through everything, as he had been through the same. His men were suffering, but led his men on foot. They had gotten him a drink, but he had poured it out in front of everyone. The men were weak as it was but had to carry on. However, he did this to encourage them and to make them stronger.

" On the battlefield Alexander was a genius." Which is pointed out in Ancient Greece, 2000-30 B.C. He invaded Asia, and two years later he became king. He defeated greater Persians and Indian armies. King Darius fled along with the Persians. "Alexander faced 600,000 men of King Darius" which is found in LORD OF ASIA.

He conquered many territories including a territory from the Mediterranean Sea into India. Alexander the Great went on a 12-year journey. He traveled 22,000 miles. He conquered modern day Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and many more. He defeated armies four and five times his size in current day Iran.

Alexander the Great was one of the greatest military geniuses who changed the world. He was a genius on the battlefield; he struggled but got through things. He pushed his men and made them stronger, and encouraged them. Alexander the Great is still "great" as they say he was. Long after his death he was and is still talked about today for the great things he did.

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