

Keywords: Spring 1

Ancient History

Alexander the Great

Students will be finishing off their work on the Persian Empire and then beginning their next unit, looking at the life of Alexander the Great 356-323 BC.

Students will look at the upbringing of Alexander and the world that he grew up in, including the important changes his father Phillip II made to Macedonia. We will be looking at the relationships that Alexander had growing up with his parents and his companions, and the growth of Macedonian dominance in the Greek world. Once Alexander has become King of Macedon, he then begins the invasion of Persia.

Keyword	Definition
Macedonia/Macedon	The area north of the main Greek cities where Alexander was from.
Seer	Someone who interprets signs in order to predict the future.
Deify	To give someone the status of a god.
Companion cavalry	Macedonian elite cavalry who ride the best horses and are led by Alexander into battle.
Battle of Chaeronea	Decisive battle in 338 BC where Phillip and Alexander defeat the Greek army.
Sarissa	18 feet long pike held in two hands and used by the Macedonian phalanx.
Hypaspists	Elite shield bearers who supported the phalanx with more flexible fighting.
Troy	A city in modern day Turkey which was famous the ten-year siege written about in the Iliad.
Polytheism	The belief in many gods, not just one.
Battle of Granicus	A battle in 334 BC where the Alexander's army met and defeated a Persian-led force by the Granicus River.