

# Keywords Spring 2

## Year 10: Ancient History

### Alexander the Great

Students will be looking at the life of Alexander the Great as he began his conquest of the Persian Empire.

Lessons will cover the key events of Alexander the Great's life as he invaded the Persian Empire, conquering such provinces as Tyre and Egypt. Students will look at how ancient sources describe Alexander's character and the central figures and relationships that he had during his reign and life.

Keyword	Definition
Companions	Alexander's closest friends who served as key officers in his army.
Siege	A military blockade of a city or fortress in order to conquer it.
Phoenicians	A sea-faring people who lived along the coast of the near-east, such as in Tyre.
Mercenaries	Soldiers who fight on a contract for whoever will pay them.
Alexandria	One of many cities that Alexander founded and named after himself – the most famous is in Egypt from 330 BC.
Flanks	The sides of an army in formation – often an area to attack.
Proskynesis	A Persian act of respect, ranging from a bow to prostration (lying on the ground) depending upon rank.
Hellenisation	The adoption of Greek culture by non-Greeks.
Mutiny	When soldiers refuse to obey orders.
Indus Valley	The area in modern-day India that Alexander reached in 326.