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Land conquered by alexander the great

Alexander the Great, king of Macedonia, conquered the Eastern Mediterranean, Egypt, the Middle East and parts of Asia in a remarkably short period of time. His empire heralded significant cultural changes in the countries it conquered and changed the course of the region's history. Educational resources in your inbox Join our community of educators and get the latest national geographic resources for you and your students. to register a series of conflicts fought king Alexander III Macedon war Alexander the GreatAlexander fighting Persian King Darius III. By Alexander Mosaic pompeii, Naples, Naples National Archaeological MuseumData336–323 BC Egypt, Mesopotamia, Babylonia, Persia, Sogdia, Bactria, Afghanistan, Taxila, IndieSult Macedonia gains control of the Balkan conquest of the Achaemenid Empire Invasion of India Hellenization beginsBelligers Kingdom Macedon Hellenic League Persian EmpirePauravasThracic tribesDifferent Greek tribes city-statesSogdiaUxiansIndian tribes and kingdomKonandists and leaders Alexander the Great (Commander-in-Chief) Parmenion Antipater Ptolemy Hephaestion Craterus Philotas Cleitus Black Perdiccas Coenus Lysimachus Antigonus Nearchus Cassander Seleucus I Nicator Darius III of Persia (Commander-in-Chief) Bessus Spitamenes Madates King Porus Of Alexander the Great's War was fought by King Alexander III and then against local chieftains and warriors as far east as Punjab, India (in modern history). At the time of his death, he conquered most of the world known to the ancient Greeks. [1] However, it failed to conquer all of South Asia. Although he was successful as a military commander, he could not provide any stable alternative to the Achaemenid Empire [2] - his untimely death plunged the vast territories he conquered into civil war. Alexander took over the Kingdom of Macedonia after the death of his father Philip II, who united most of the urban states of mainland Greece under Macedonian hegemony in a federation called the Greek League. [4] After re-adjoining the Macedonian government by abolishing the revolt of the southern Greek city-states and staging a short but bloody excursion against Macedon's northern neighbors, Alexander set off east against the Achaemenid Persian Empire under his king of kings (a title that all Achaemenid kings had passed), Darius III, who defeated and overthrew. His conquests included Anatolia, Syria, Phoenicia, Judea, Gaza, Egypt, Mesopot, Persia and Bactria, and extended the borders of his own empire to Taxila in India (now Pakistan). Before his death, Alexander had already planned military and commercial expansions to the Arabian Peninsula, after which he was to turn his armies west (Carthage, Rome and the Pymov Peninsula). Alexander's diadochi quietly abandoned these grandiose plans after his death. Instead, within a few years of Alexander's death, the diadochi began fighting each other, dividing the empire among themselves and provoking 40 years of war. The background of the Kingdom of Macedon in 332 pf.nI Philip II was assassinated by the captain of his bodyguard, Pausanias. Philip's son, and formerly designated heir, Alexander was declared king of the Macedonian nobles and army. [5] The news of Philip's death awakened many states to revolt, including Thebes, Athens, Thesalia, and thracian tribes north of Macedon. When news of the revolt reached Alexander, he reacted quickly. Although his advisers advised him to use diplomacy, Alexander seized the Macedonian cavalry of 3,000 men and drove south toward Thessalia, Macedon's immediate neighbor to the south. When he found the Thessal army occupying the pass between the Olympian mountain and Mount Ossa, he led the men cross Mount Ossu, and when the Thessálíans woke up, they found Alexander in the back of them. Thessálíans surrendered and added their cavalry to Alexander's strength as he approached the Pelopone. [6] Alexander stopped in Thermopylae, where he was recognized as the leader of the Sacred League, before heading south to Corinth. Athens sued for peace, and Alexander accepted the envoy and pardoned everyone involved in the uprising. In Corinth, he was awarded the title hegemon of Greek forces against the Persians. When he was in Corinth, he heard reports of a Thracian uprising in the north. [7] Balkan campaign Main article: Alexander's Balkan campaign Before moving to Asia, Alexander wanted to protect his northern borders, and in the spring of 335 BC, he wanted to protect his northern borders. On Mount Haemus, the Macedonian army attacked and defeated the Thracian crew to capture the heights. The Macedonians were then attacked in the back of triballi, who were crushed in turn. Alexander then proceeded to the Danube and met the Getae tribe on the opposite bank. Getae's army withdrew after the first skirmy with the cavalry and will leave its town to the Macedonian army. [8] Alexander was then told that Cleitus, King Ilyria and King Glaukias of Taulantia were in open revolt against Macedonian authority. Alexander defeated everyone in turn, forcing Cleitus and Glaukias to flee with their armies, making Alexander's northern border safe. [9] While campaigning triumphantly in the north, the Thebans and Athenians rebelled again. Alexander reacted immediately, but while the other cities hesitated again, Thebes decided to resist with maximum force. However, this resistance was useless, because the city was razed to the ground in the midst of a great bloodbath, and its territory was divided among the other Boeot cities. The end of Thebes intimidated Athens into complying, so that all of Greece was at least outwardly at peace with Alexander. [10] Main article: Chronology of Alexander the Great's expedition to Asia Minor in 334 pf.nI, Alexander crossed Hellespont to Asia. It took more than a hundred triremes (triple-tilted kitchens) to transport the entire Macedonian army, but the Persians chose to ignore the movement. [11] In those first months, Darius still refused to take Alexander seriously or to stand up to Alexander's movements. Memnon of Rhodes, a Greek mercenary who allied himself with the Persians, defended the strategy of the scorched earth. He wanted the Persians to destroy the land before Alexander, which he hoped would make Alexander's army starve and then return. The Satraps in Anatolia rejected this advice and considered it their duty to defend their country. [12] Finally, as Alexander advanced deeper into Persian territory, Darius ordered all five satraps of the Anatolian provinces to pool their military resources and confront Alexander. This army was led by Memnon, while absolute command was divided between five satraps. [13] Battle of Granicus A map of what became Alexander's Empire The Battle of granicus in May 334 BC. After crossing Hellespont, Alexander advanced along the road to the capital Satrapy Phrygia. Various satraps of the Persian Empire gathered their forces in the city of Zelea and offered a battle on the banks of the River Granicus. Alexander eventually fought many of his battles on the banks of the river. As a result, he managed to minimize the advantage the Persians had in numbers. In addition, deadly Persian cars on a cramped, muddy riverbank were useless. [quote required] Arrian, Diodorus and Plutarch all mention the battle, with Arrian providing the most detail. The Persians placed their cavalry before their infantry and stood on the right (eastern) bank of the river. The Macedonian line was arranged with heavy phalanxes in the middle, macedonian cavalry led by Alexander on the right and allied Thessálían cavalry led by Parmenion on the left. [14] The Persians expected the main attack to come from Alexander's position and move troops from their center to this wing. [quote required] Herma Alexander (Roman copy of statue 330 pf.nI by Lysippus, Louvre Museum). According to Diodorus, Alexander statues of Lysippus were the most faithful. Alexander's deputy, Parmenion, suggested crossing the river upstream and attacking at dawn the next day, but Alexander immediately attacked. He ordered a small group of cavalry and light infantry to attack Macedonian law to pull the Persians from the shore into the river. When Alexander saw that he had broken the Persian line, he led his horse companions further to the right in an oblique order to bypass the Persians and gain time for his infantry to cross the river. [14] Several high-ranking Persian nobles were Alexander himself or his bodyguards, although Alexander was impressed by the axe-blow from a Persian nobleman named Spitridates. But before the nobleman could strike a fatal blow, he himself was killed by Cleitus the Black. The Macedonian cavalry opened a hole in the Persian line as macedonian infantry advanced, forcing the enemy back and eventually breaking through their center. The Persian cavalry turned and fled the battlefield, and the Greek mercenary infantry they held in reserve were surrounded by Macedonians and defeated; only about two thousand of them survived and were sent back to Macedonia for work. [15] Alexander consolidated support in Asia Minor after the battle. Alexander buried the dead (Greeks and Persians), and sent captured Greek mercenaries back to Greece to work in the mines, as a wretched lesson for all Greeks who chose to fight for the Persians. He sent some loot back to Greece, including three hundred panoplies (complete Persian armor) back to Athens to be donated in the Parthenon with the inscription Alexander, son of Philip and the Greeks, Lacedaemonians (Spartans) except, these prey from the barbarians who reside in Asia. [16] Antipater, whom Alexander left in charge of Macedon in his absence, was given free rein to install dictators and tyrants wherever he saw fit to minimize the risk of rebellion. But as he got deeper into Persia, the threat of trouble seemed to be growing. Many of these cities have been ruled for generations by heavy-handed tyrants, so in these Persian cities he has done the opposite of what he did in Greece. He wanted to look like a liberator, free the population, and allow self-government. As he continued his march to Persia, he saw that his victory in Granicus was not lost on anyone. It seemed that the city outside the city had given up on him. Satrap in Sardis, like his crew, was among the first of many satraps to capitulate. [quote required] When these satraps surrendered, Alexander appointed new ones to replace them, claiming that he did not trust the accumulation of absolute power in the hands of anyone. There seemed to be little change from the old system. But Alexander appointed independent councils to collect tributes and taxes from satrapies that seemed to do nothing but improve the government's efficiency. But the real consequence was to separate civilians from the financial functions of these satrapies, thereby ensuring that these governments, while technically independent of it, never really were. Otherwise, he allowed the inhabitants of these cities to continue as they always have, and he did not try to impose Greek customs on them. Meanwhile, ambassadors from other Greek cities in small Asia came to Alexander, offering submissions if they allowed their democracies to continue. Alexander fulfilled their wish and allowed them to stop paying taxes to Persia, but only if they entered the Corinthian League. In doing so, they promised that financial support to Alexander. [quote required] The Siege of Halicarnassus Siege of Halicarnassus was carried out in 334 BC. Alexander, who had a weak navy, was constantly threatened by the Persian Navy. He was constantly trying to provoke an engagement with Alexander, who had none of it. Eventually, the Persian fleet sailed to Halicarnassus to form a new defense. Ada of Carie, the former Queen of Halicarnassus, was banished from her throne by her usurped brother. When he died, Darius named Orontobates satrapa Caria, which included Halicarnassus in his jurisdiction. On the arrival of Alexander in 334 pf.nI, Ada, who was held by Fort Alinda, gave up the fort to him. Alexander and Ada seem to have formed an emotional connection. He called her a mother when he found her more foreman than his megalomaniac mother worshipped by Olympias snakes. In return for his support, Ada gave Alexander gifts, and even sent him some of the best chefs in Asia Minor, realizing that Alexander had a sweet tooth. In the past, Alexander identified his biological father Philip as his so-called father and preferred to consider the deity Amon Zeus to be his real father. In the end, he was able to divorce both of his biological parents. [quote required] Orontobates and Memnon from Rhodes settled in Halicarnassus. Alexander sent spies to meet dissidents inside the city who promised to open the gates and allow Alexander to enter. But when his spies arrived, the dissidents were nowhere to be found. The result was a small battle, and Alexander's army managed to break through the city walls. But Memnon has now deployed his catapults, and Alexander's army has retreated. Memnon then deployed his infantry, and shortly before Alexander received his first (and only) defeat, his infantry managed to break through the city walls, surprise Persian forces, and kill the Orontobates. Memnon realized that the city had been lost, set it on fire and withdrew with his army. Strong winds caused the fire to destroy much of the city. Alexander then committed the government of Caria ada; and she, in turn, formally accepted Alexander as her son, thereby ensuring that the reign of Caria would unconditionally accept him after her final defeat. [quote required] Syria Shortly after the battle, Memnon died. His successor was a Persian who spent time in Macedonia and his name was Pharnabazus. He disrupted Alexander's supply routes by touring the Aegean islands near Hellespont and fueling an uprising in southern Greece. Meanwhile, Darius took the Persian army to apprehend Alexander. Alexander marched his army east through CapePadokia, where there was no water for a stretch of almost 150 km. As his army approached Mount Taurus, they found only one path they had passed through, a narrow spot called the Gates. The taint was very narrow, and could easily have been defended. The Persian satrap Of Kappadokii had an inflated view of his own abilities. He was at the Battle of Granicus, believing that Memnon's scorched Earth strategy would work here as well. He did not realize that the different circumstances of the terrain had made this strategy unnecessary. If he had credibly opposed the spying, Alexander would have been easily repelled. He left only a small contingent to guard the taint, and took his entire army to destroy the plain that lay before Alexander's army. The Persian contingent, who were supposed to guard the taints, soon abandoned it, and Alexander passed without any problems. Alexander reportedly said after the incident that he had never been so lucky in his entire career. [quote required] After reaching Mount Taurus, Alexander's army found a stream that was flowing from the mountain with icy water. Alexander didn't think, jumped into a creek, suffered convulsions and then convulsions, and was almost dead. He developed pneumonia quickly, but none of his doctors would cure him because they feared that if he died, they would be responsible. A doctor named Philip, who had treated Alexander since childhood, agreed to treat him. Although he soon fell into a coma, he eventually recovered. [quote required] The battle for the decisive attack of Issus Alexander the Battle of Issus took place in November 333 BC. After Alexander's forces defeated the Persians at the Battle of Granicus, Darius took personal command of his army, assembled a large army from the depths of the empire, and maneuvered to cut off the Greek supply line, which required Alexander to peak his forces and pave the way for the battle at the mouth of the Pinarus River and south of the village of Issus. Darius probably didn't know that by deciding to stage a riverside battle, he minimized the numerical advantage his army had over Alexander. [17] At first, Alexander chose what seemed unfavorable. This surprised Darius, who mistakenly decided to take the wrong position, while Alexander ordered his infantry to take a defensive stance. Alexander personally led greece's elite drive against the Persian left against the hills, cutting the enemy into less burdensome terrain, creating a rapid attack. After making the breakthrough, Alexander showed he could do the difficult thing and kept the Cavalry in check after breaking Persian law. Alexander then got on his beloved horse Bucephalus, took his place at the head of his companion and led a direct attack against Darius. The horses that dragged Dari's chariot were injured and began to roll on the yoke. Darius, who was about to fall from the carriage, jumped instead. He threw away his royal head, got on a horse and fled the scene. Persian soldiers who realized they had lost either surrendered or fled with their hapless king. Macedonian persecuted the fleeing Persians as long as there was light. As with most ancient battles, there was significant bloodshed after the battle, when the persecution of macedonians slaughtered its overcrowded, disorganized enemy. [quote required] The Battle of Issus took place in southern Anatolia in November 333 BC. The alexander-led invasion forces were outnumbered 2-1, yet they defeated an army personally led by Darius III of Achaemenid Persia. The battle was a decisive Macedonian victory and marked the beginning of the end of Persian power. It was the first time the Persian army had been defeated with a king present in the field. Darius left his wife and a huge amount of treasure behind him as his army fled. Macedonians' greed helped persuade them to continue, as did the large number of Persian concusses and prostitutes they picked up in battle. Darius, now fearing for both his throne and his life, sent a letter to Alexander in which he promised to pay a substantial ransom in exchange for prisoners of war and agreed to an alliance treaty and forfeit half of his empire to Alexander. Darius received the answer that began king Alexander Darius. In the letter, Alexander blamed Darius for his father's death, claiming that Darius was just a vulgar usager who planned to reach Macedonia. He agreed to return the prisoners without ransom, but told Darius that he and Alexander were not equal and that Darius should henceforth address Alexander as king of all Asia. Darius was also sternly informed that if he wanted to challenge Alexander's claim to the Throne of Achaemenid, that he would have to stand and fight, and that if he fled instead, Alexander would persecute and kill him. By doing so, Alexander revealed for the first time that his plan was to conquer the entire Persian Empire. [quote required] The siege of the Tire Naval Action during the siege, drawing André Castaigne Siege of Tyre occurred in 332 pI.nI when Alexander set out to conquer Tyre, a strategic coastal base. Tyre was the site of the only remaining Persian port that did not capitulat Alexander. Even at this point in the war, the Persian Navy still posed a great threat to Alexander. Tyre, the largest and most important city-state of Phoenicia, was located both on the Mediterranean coast and on a nearby island with two natural ports on the mainland. Around 40,000 people were holding the city at the time of the siege, although women and children were evacuated to Carthage, an ancient Phoenic colony. [quote required] Alexander sent envoys to Tyr, proposed a peace treaty, and asked to visit his city and offer sacrifices to his god Melqart. The Tyrians politely told Alexander that their city was neutral in the war, and that allowing him to offer sacrifices to Melqart would amount to acknowledging his king. Alexander was considering building a dam that would allow his army to take the city by force. His engineers didn't do it. It would be possible to build such a massive structure, so Alexander sent peace envoys once more to propose an alliance. The Tyrians believed it was a sign of weakness, so they killed the envoy and threw their bodies over the city wall. Opposition to Alexander's plans to re-enter the city by force disappeared, and his engineers began designing the building. Alexander began with an engineering feat that shows the true extent of his brilliance; unable to attack the city from the sea, he built a mile-long dam stretching to the island on a natural land bridge that was no more than two meters deep. [18] Alexander then built two towers 150 feet high and moved them to the end of the dam. The Tyrians, however, quickly devised a counterattack. They used an old horse transport ship that filled it with dried branches, pitch, gymly and various other flammable substances. Then they set it on fire, created what we might call a primitive form of napalm, and ran it to the dam. The fire spread quickly, engulfing the towers and other siege facilities that had been brought up. [quote required] That convinced Alexander that he couldn't take Tyre without the Navy. Fate would soon give him one. Then the Persian Navy returned to find their home towns under Alexander's control. Because their devotion was to their city, they were the Alexanders. Now he had eighty ships. This coincided with the arrival of another hundred and twenty from Cyprus, who heard of his victory and wanted to join him. Alexander then sailed to Tyra and quickly blocked both ports with his higher numbers. It had a few slower kitchens and a few boats that re-swopped with battering rams, the only known case of battering ram used on boats. Alexander began testing the wall at various points with his rams until he made a small crack at the southern end of the island. He then coordinated the attack over violations with bombing from all sides of his navy. As soon as his troops forced their way into the city, they easily overtook the garrison and quickly occupied the city. Those citizens who hid in the Temple of Heracles were pardoned by Alexander. They say Alexander was so enraged to defend the Tyrians and the loss of his men that he destroyed half the city. Alexander granted clemency to the king and his family, while 30,000 residents and foreigners who were kidnapped were sold into slavery. However, there was a family that gave a very high position in their government, but the only contact he ever had with them was when he spent the night with his housewife. [quote required] Egypt Siege of Gaza Main article: Siege of Gaza The fortress in Gaza was built on a hill and was heavily fortified. [19] The people of Gaza and their Nabatai allies did not want to lose the lucrative trade that was controlled by Gaza. [19] Alexander Mosaic, showing the Battle of Issus, from the House of Faun, Batis, the commander of the Gaza stronghold, refused to surrender to Alexander. Batis was physically imposing and ruthless, even though he was a eunuch. After three unsuccessful attacks, the fort was eventually occupied by force.[20] but before Alexander received a serious shoulder injury. When Gaza was abducted, the male population was put to the sword, and women and children were sold into slavery. According to The Roman historian Quinti Curti Rufus, Batis was killed by Alexander while imitating the Achilles' treatment of the fallen Hector. Batis' ankles broke a rope, probably between his ankle bone and the Achilles tendon, and Batis dragged the chariot alive under the city walls. Alexander, who admired the courage of his enemies and may have tended to show mercy to the brave Persian general, was enraged by Batis' refusal to kneel and the condescending silence and contempt of the enemy commander. With Gaza accepted, Alexander marched to Egypt. Egyptians hated the Persians, in part because Persia considered Egypt nothing more than a grain. [quote required] They welcomed Alexander as their king, placed him on the throne of pharaohs, gave him the crown of Upper and Lower Egypt, and named him the incarnation of Ra and Osiris. He set in motion plans to build Alexandria, and although future tax revenues would reach him, he left Egypt under the leadership of the Egyptians, which helped him win their support. [quote required] Mesopotamia Battle of Gaugamela The Battle of Gaugamela took place in 331 BC. After the siege of Gaza, Alexander advanced from Syria to the heart of the Persian Empire, crossing the Euphrat and the Tigris River without resistance. Darius is building a huge army, driving men from far away from his empire, and planning to use the numbers to crush Alexander. Although Alexander conquered part of the Persian Empire, it was still vast in the area and in the reserves of manpower, and Darius could recruit more men than Alexander could have dreamed of. Also present in the Persian army, a sign that the Persians were still very powerful, were the afraid war elephants. While Darius had a considerable advantage in the number of soldiers, most of his soldiers were not as organized as Alexander's. [quote required] Alexander's decisive attack The battle began with the Persians, who are already present on the battlefield. Darius recruited the best cavalry of his eastern satrapies. Darius placed himself in the center with his best infantry, as was the tradition among the Persian kings. The Macedonians were divided into two parts, the right side of the army falls under the direct command of Alexander, and the left to Parmenion. Alexander began by ordering his infantry to march in a phalanx formation toward the center of the enemy line. Darius has now launched his cars, which have been agrianians and quickly became useless. Alexander, while leading the attack, created his troops into a giant wedge that quickly crashed right into the weakened Persian center. Darius' cart was killed by a spear, and chaos ensued when everyone (ncorrectly) thought Darius had been killed. The Persian line then collapsed and Darius fled. Darius escaped with a small core of his forces, which remained intact, though the Bactrian cavalry and Bessus soon chased him. The remaining Persian resistance was quickly set up. The Battle of Gaugamela was a disastrous defeat for the Persians and perhaps one of Alexander's best victories. [quote required] Bactria Alexander's first victory over Darius, the Persian king depicted in medieval European style in the 15th century romance History of Alexander's Battles After the Battle, Parmenion rounded the Persian baggage train, while Alexander and his own bodyguard chased after Darius in the hope of catch up. After the battle, a significant amount of loot was recovered, with 4,000 talents captured, as well as a royal passenger car and bow. Darius planned to head further east and raise another army to stand up to Alexander as he and the Macedonians headed to one of the Persian capitals, Babylon, and then to another, Susa. There Alexander found a wealth that even he never imagined possible. He paid his soldiers and sent six times athens' annual income to Greece to confuse the Spartan rebellion. Darius, meanwhile, sent out letters to his eastern satrapies asking them to remain faithful. Satrapies, however, had other intentions and quickly capitulated before Alexander. [quote required] Bessus fatally stabbed Darius before fleeing east. Darius was found by one of Alexander's scouts, moaning in pain. Darius, dying and chained to a luggage train that was carrying an ass, lay beside a lonely dog and a royal shield covered in blood. He asked for water and then held the Macedonian soldier's hand and said he was grateful he wouldn't die all alone and abandoned. Alexander, who might have felt truly saddened by Darius' death, buried Darius next to his predecessors, Achaemenide, at a full military funeral. Alexander claimed that while he was dying, Darius named Alexander as his successor to the throne of Achaemenid and asked Alexander to avenge his death, which is a remarkable irony, because it was Alexander who persecuted him to his death. Achaemenid of the Persian Empire is considered to have fallen with the death of Darius. [quote required] Alexander, who considered himself a legitimate successor to Achaemenid Darius, considered Bessus to be the seized man of the Achaemen throne, and eventually found and executed this usurtrician. Most of the existing satraps have been to give their loyalty to Alexander, and will be able to maintain their positions. Alexander's soldiers now thought the war was over. Alexander wasn't sure how to deal with it, so he decided to scare them into submission. He gave a speech saying that their conquest was not safe, that the Persians did not want the Greeks to remain in their country, and that only the power of Macedon could secure the country. The speech worked, and Alexander's forces agreed to stay with him. Alexander, now the Persian king of kings, adopted Persian dress and mannerisms, which over time the Greeks began to consider decadent and autocratic. They began to fear that Alexander, the king who was worshipped by heroes, was turning into an Eastern despot, even though alexander was eventually introduced to a young eunuch and helped keep his blankets at bay. [quote required] Battle of the Persian Gate Main Article: Battle of the Persian Gate Map of the Persian Gate In winter 330 pI.nI, in the Battle of the Persian Gate northeast of today's Yasuj in Iran, Persian satrap Ariobarzanes led the last stand of Persian forces. [22] After the Battle of Gaugamela in present-day Iraqi Kurdistan, Alexander advanced to Babylon and Susa. The Royal Way connected Susa with the more eastern capitals of Persepolis and Pasargadae in Persis (the Persian Empire had several capitals) and was a natural place for Alexander's ongoing campaign. After the conquest of Susa, Alexander divided the Macedonian army in two. Alexander's General Parmenion made his way halfway along the Royal Way, and Alexander himself made his way towards Persis. To drive to Persis required crossing the Persian gates, a narrow mountain pass that switches aside, [25] Thinking that he would not meet other enemy forces during the march after his victory over the Uxians, Alexander neglected to send scouts before his vanguards, so he joined Ariobarzanes' advance. As soon as the Macedonian army advanced sufficiently to the narrow pass, the Persians rained boulders on them from the northern slopes. From the southern slope, Persian archers and catapults launched their projectiles. Alexander's army initially suffered heavy casualties and lost entire platoons at once. [26] Ariobarzanes hoped that the defeat of Alexander at the Persian gates would allow the Persians more time to field another army and perhaps completely stop the Macedonian invasion. Ariobarzanes held the pass for a month.[27] but Alexander managed to encircle the Persian army and break through the Persian defenses. The defeat of Ariobarzanes' forces at the Persian Gate removed the last military obstacle between Alexander and Persepolis. Upon his arrival in persepolis, Alexander appointed a general named Phraortes to succeed Ariobarzanes. Four months later, Alexander allowed soldiers to loot Persepolis. A fire broke out and spread to the rest of the city. It is unclear whether this was a drunken accident or a deliberate act of revenge for burning down an acropolis in Athens during the Second Greek-Persian War. [28] Siege of Sogdian Rock Po defeated the last forces of the Achaemenid Empire in 328 pI.nI, began a new campaign against various Indian kings in 327 BC. He wanted to conquer the whole known world, which in Alexander's time ended up at the eastern end of India. The Greeks of Alexander's time knew nothing about China or any other country east of India. Po of Sogdian Rock, a fortress located north of Bactria in Sogdiana, occurred in 327 BC. Oxyartes of Bactria sent his wife and daughters, one of whom was Roxana, to take refuge in the fortress because it was considered impregnable, and was supplied with a long siege. When Alexander asked the defenders to surrender, they refused and told him he would need a man with wings to catch him. Alexander asked for volunteers to reward them if they could climb the cliffs beneath the fort. There were about 300 men who from previous sieges gained experience in mountaineering. Using tent pegs and strong flaxen lines, they climbed a cliff at night and lost about 30 of their numbers during the climb. In accordance with Alexander's orders, they signaled their success to the soldiers beneath them by waving pieces of laundry, and Alexander sent an announcer to shout to the advanced positions of the enemy that they could now surrender without further delay. The defenders were so surprised and demoralized that they surrendered. Alexander fell in love with Roxana, whom ancient historians call the most beautiful woman in the world (which is not an unusual claim for an ancient queen) to look at and eventually married her. The story of the siege is told by the Roman historian Arrian of Nicomedia in Anabasis (section 4.18.4–19.6). [quote required] Indian (Modern History) Campaign Main Articles: Alexander the Great's Indian campaign and the Battle of Hydaspes campaign and monuments to Alexander's invasion of the Indian subcontinent After the death of Spitamenes and his marriage to Roxana (Roshanak in Bactria) to consolidate his relationship with his new Central Asian satrapies, Alexander was finally free to turn his attention to the Indian subcontinent. Alexander invited all the chiefs of the former Satrap Gandhara, in the north of what was now the Jhelum River, a Pakistani region (Mordern History), to come to him and submit to his authority. Omphis, the ruler of Taxila, whose kingdom extends from Indu to Hydaspes, complied, but the chiefs of some mountain clans, including the Aspasioi and Assakenoi parts of Kambojas (also known in Indian texts as Ashvayanas and Ashvakayanas), refused to submit. In the winter of 327/326 BC Aspasioi Valley Kunar, Guraeans Valley Guraeus, and Assakenoi Valley Swat and buner. [29] A fierce battle with aspasioi ensued, in which Alexander himself was wounded in the shoulder by an arrow, but in the end the Aspasioi lost. Alexander then faced Assakenoi, who fought bravely and offered a stubborn Alexander in the forts of Massaga, Ora and Aornos. Fort Massaga could only be reduced after several days of bloody fighting, in which Alexander himself was seriously injured in the ankle. According to Curtius, Alexander not only slaughtered the entire massaga population, but also reduced his buildings to rubble. [30] A similar defeat followed in Ora, another Stronghold of Assakenoi. After Massaga and Ora, many Assakenians fled to the fortress of Aornos. Alexander followed closely behind their heels and captured the strategic hill-fortress after the fourth day of bloody fighting. This fight was the challenge Alexander was looking for, an army with huge

elephants who were almost able to defeat Alexander. Charles Le Bruno's painting depicting Alexander and Porus (Puru) during the Battle of Hydaspes. After gaining control of the former Achaemenid satrapy gandhara, including the city of Taxila, Alexander advanced to Punjab, where he joined the fight against the regional King Por, whom Alexander defeated at the Battle of Hydaspes in 326 BC.[31][32] but was so impressed by the behavior with which the king carried himself that he allowed Porus to continue his own kingdom as a satrap. [33] Although the Battle of Hydaspes won, it was also the costlyest battle the Macedonians fought. East of the Kingdom of Porussia, near the Ganges River, was the mighty Nanda Empire of Magadha and Gangarida's Empire of Bengal. According to Greek sources, the Nanda army was five times the size of the Macedonian army. [35] Fearing the prospect of facing the mighty armies of Nanda Empire and exhausted by years of campaigning, his army rebelled by the Hyphasis River and refused to march further east. This river thus marks the easternmost extent of Alexander's conquests. As for the Macedonians, their struggle with Porus has numbed their courage and remained their next advance to India. For doing everything they could to fend off an enemy who had taken only twenty thousand infantry and two thousand horses, they forcibly opposed Alexander when he insisted on crossing the Ganges River, the width of which, they learned, was thirty-two furlongs, its depth of a hundred fathoms, while its banks on the other side were covered with throngs of men in arms and horsemen and elephants. It was for them that the kings of Gonderia and Praeshi were waiting for them, with eighty thousand riders, two hundred thousand footmen, eight thousand chariots, and six thousand fighting elephants. [36] Asia in 323 p.f.nI, the Nanda Empire and the Gangaridaí Empire of ancient India in relation to Alexander's empire and neighbors Alexander spoke to his army and tried to persuade them to march on to India, but Coenus begged him to change his mind and return, the men, he said, longed to see their parents, their wives and children again. Alexander, seeing the reluctance of his agreed and diverted. Along the way, his army conquered the Malli clans (in modern Multan). In Indian territory, he nominated his officer Peithon as a satrap, a position he would hold for another decade until 316 p.f.nI, and in Punjab he left Eudem as head of the army, alongside Satrap Poru and Taxiles. Eudemus became ruler of part of Punjab after their deaths. The two rulers returned to the West in 316 BC in 321 p.f.nI, Chandragupta Maurya founded the Maurya Empire in India and overthrew the Greek satraps. 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