

The Conquests of Alexander the Great

Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 32–33 of the Atlas. Read the introduction and look at map B, “How Big Was Alexander’s Empire?” Use the information to complete the sentences below.
 - a. Alexander the Great was king of _____. He conquered Greece and then the _____ Empire. Following Alexander’s conquests, the cultures of the conquered lands were influenced by _____ culture.
 - b. Alexander’s empire was about as large as the _____. It included land on three continents: _____, _____, and _____. His empire stretched from Greece to _____.

★ People and Culture

2. Look at picture A and read its caption. Then read the history question, “How do you show your culture?” Use the information to answer the following questions.
 - a. Alexander adopted the culture of what group? _____
 - b. What type of character is Alexander shown as in the picture?

 - c. What may be some ways of determining that Alexander is shown as a Persian in the picture?

 - d. What does the picture indicate about Alexander’s influence on Persian culture?

 - e. What are some examples of things that make up a culture?

Places, Regions, and Landscapes

3. Look at map C, “The Persian Empire.” Use the information to fill in the blanks below.

- a. How many different major culture groups were within the Persian Empire? _____
- b. List the rivers that were completely or partially within the Persian Empire.

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- c. List all the seas that bordered the Persian Empire.

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★ **History Through Maps**

4. Look at map D, “Alexander Conquers Persia.” Use the map to follow Alexander’s conquest route. Number the places below in sequential order, with 1 being the first place Alexander traveled through and 14 being the last. Some of the places will have more than one number because Alexander passed through them more than once. Also circle the places where major battles occurred.

- a. Sangua _____
- b. Nineveh _____
- c. Pella _____
- d. Babylon _____
- e. Granicus _____
- f. Persepolis _____
- g. Issus _____
- h. Gaugamela _____
- i. Bucephala _____
- j. Thrace _____
- k. Gedrosia _____
- l. Alexandria _____