

Resume

Alexander the Great

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Took the throne of Macedonia at age 20 upon father's assassination (336 B.C.)
- Military commander at age 16.
- Invaded and conquered Asia Minor, Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Middle East, The Persian Empire, Afghanistan, Bactria, and invaded India. Highly motivated. Seldom satisfied.
- Always rode at the front of his army to truly *lead* his men
- Refused to eat or drink until his men were taken care of first

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Never lost a major battle
- Campaigned for ten consecutive years and covered 10,000 miles
- Founded dozens of cities
- Destroyed Persepolis in Persia, but honored a dead Persian king wrapping him in his own **garment**
- One of history's wealthiest individuals
- Brought culture to millions of people but insisted that culture be Greek
- Knew the names of 10,000 soldiers
- Took few prisoners (killed many) due to the small size of his army
- Referred to in the Holy Bible (Daniel 8:5-7)
- Known to be extremely cruel to captured slaves in order to put down any thought of **rebellion**
- Died under questionable circumstances in Babylon—possibly alcoholism

PERSONAL NOTES

- Shared men's hardships; lived as soldier
- Sometimes embarrassed his people by dressing in the clothing of defeated enemies
- Often honored—rather than destroyed—the gods of other cultures
- Killed a number of his closest advisors if they were suspected of plotting against him
- Trained as a physician; treated innumerable soldiers
- Disappointed his famous teacher because he was never satisfied or content with his **accomplishments**
- Always deferred person medical treatment before others were tended
- Promoted learning and culture across all the vast territory he conquered

EDUCATION

Teachers: Aristotle of Athens

Skills: Earned titles: 'King of Kings'; Pharaoh; history's greatest general; physician

Hobbies: Weapons, horses, natural history, geography; military tactics

PERSONAL

Born: 356 B.C., Pella, Macedonia

Family: Three wives Parysatis (Persian princess), Stateira (oldest daughter of Persian King Darius III), and Roxane (Bactrian princess)

Hero: Achilles; Homer