**History of Western Civilization to 1500 Mr. Kirchberg**

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**The Hellenistic World**

**(**Hellenistic **=** “Greek-like” or **“**to imitate Greeks**”)**

**I.** [Macedonia](http://www.greeceathensaegeaninfo.com/a-greece-travel/a-h-historic-destinations/macedonia/map-lg.jpg) & the Conquests of Alexander

**A**. Macedonians or “rednecks” to the north of Greece

**B.** [Philip](http://classicalwisdom.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Fearsome-Warrior-Phillip-II.jpg) II **(**359-336 **B.C.E.)** & the Conquest of Greece

**1.** Hostage in Thebes as a boy

**2.** Used Macedonian peasants as soldiers

**“the Great”** **a.** Paid for a professional army

**b.** Created a new [phalanx](http://images.slideplayer.com/15/4750278/slides/slide_4.jpg)

**i.** Lightly armored

**ii.** Smaller shield and sword

**iii.** 18ft. spear

**iv.** Used flanking heavy cavalry

**v.** Good engineer with new weapons

like catapults

**c.** Conquered Illyricum & Thrace

**d.** Great Orators Speak on Philip

**i.** [Demosthenes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bust_Demosthenes_BM_1840.jpg) **(**384-322 **B.C.E.)** in his Philippics

warned about the threat to the north

**ii.** [Isocrates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Isocrates_pushkin.jpg) **(**436-338 **B.C.E.)** saw Philip

as a unifier of Greece

**3.** Battle of Chaeronea **(**338 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Saw Athens, Thebes and a few others ally

**b.** Urged on by the oratory of Demosthenes

**c.** Philip won handily **(**outnumbered by 3000**)**

**i.** Forced Greeks to ally into the

Corinthian League

**ii.** Philip became ***hegemon*** or leader

**iii.** Philip desired unity against Persia

**4.** [Philip](http://www.heritage-history.com/books/horne/greece/zpage236.gif) was [assassinated](http://www.liquideggproduct.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/01/philip-ii-assassination.gif) **(**336 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** At daughter’s **(**Cleopatra**)** wedding reception

**b.** Killed by Pausanias, who was killed

**c.** Possible plot by Alexander & his mom

**C.** [King](http://www.crystalinks.com/alexanderthegreat.html) Alexander III **“**the Invincible**”** **(**336-323 **B.C.E.)**

**1.** Becomes king at age 20

**a.** Was a teenage cavalry commander for dad

**b.** Secures Greece by crushing Thebes

**i.** Slaughtered all adult males

**ii.** Sold women and children into slavery

**2.** Alexander’s [Conquests](http://www.bible-history.com/maps/map-alexander-the-great.html)

**a.** Risky Persian Campaign

**i.** Spring **(**334 **B.C.E.),** he enters Asia Minor

with 37,000 soldiers & 5000 cavalry

**ii.** Scientists, architects, historians, &

engineers went along

**b.** Battle of Granicus River **(**334 **B.C.E.)**

**i.** Stunning victory for Alex

**ii.** Freed western Anatolia & the Ionians

**c.** Battle of Issus **(**333 **B.C.E.)**

***i.*** *King* [*Darius*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Meister_der_Alexanderschlacht_003.jpg) *III fled the battlefield*

***ii.*** *Alex seizes Tyre & Gaza to take away*

*the Phoenician naval threat*

***iii.*** *Tyre fell with Alex building a mile long*

*causeway* ***(****6000 dead & 20,000 sold into slavery****)***

***d.*** *Syria, Palestine & Egypt surrender* ***(****332* ***B.C.E.)***

***i.*** *Alex becomes pharaoh & god Amon-Re*

***ii.*** *He established the first city named*

*Alexandria* ***(****scholarly city of commerce****)***

**e.** Darius III offers Alex all west of Euphrates

River for peace & Alex refuses

**f.** [Battle](http://allempires.com/articles/gaugamela/gaugamela0.gif) of Gaugamela **(**[331](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjMcKcL5JY4) **B.C.E.)**

**i.** Alex led breakthrough of Persian lines

**ii.** Darius III flees again and is killed by one

of his generals

**iii.** Alex captures Babylon, royal [family](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsiS_F_dcL4#t=216.594381) of

Persia & palace at Persepolis, he has burned

**iv.** Alex becomes **“**Great King of the Persians**”**

**v.** He moves on to the Indus Valley

**g.** Battle of the Hydaspes [River](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm_n1LQjppE) **(**326 B**.**C**.**E**.)**

**i.** Barely defeated the Raja Porus

**ii.** Alex fights his way down the Indus River

Valley & is badly [wounded](http://drscottschat.blogspot.com/2011_01_01_archive.html) with an [arrow](https://thesecondachilles.com/2013/10/25/alexanders-injuries-part-1/)

[through](https://thesecondachilles.com/2013/11/01/alexanders-injuries-part-2/) the chest

**h.** Alex’s men mutinied

**i.** Alex takes his men home via two routes

**(1)** **~½** go by sea

**(2)** **~½** go by way of [the](http://fc06.deviantart.net/fs70/i/2010/231/6/2/Alexander_the_Great_Gedrosia_by_AlexanderHelios.jpg) Gedrosia

Desert of southern Persia

**ii.** Alex sets up his capital at Babylon

**iii.** Ruled like a Persian ruler

**iv.** Died a suspicious death **(**323 **B.C.E.)**

**3.** Alexander’s military successes

**a.** Philip left Alex a great military

**b.** Alex was a great tactician using the

topography to his advantage

**c.** Brilliance & no fear put him in the front lines

**i.** Led the troops personally

**ii.** Great rapport with the troops

**iii.** Drove the men mercilessly

**iv.** Utilized Persian troops as well

**d.** Developed excellent siege warfare

**4.** Alexander’s Ideals

**Always had the a.** Based upon his tutor, Aristotle

**Iliad & dagger b.** Idealized the Iliad & Achilles

**under his pillow c.** Saw himself as related to Heracles

**i.** Loved the idea of being the god-king

**ii.** Kept a strong military under one command

**d.** Wanted a unified empire **(**2 cultures**)**

**i.** For a real reason of unity or easier to rule

**ii.** Alex sponsored the mix wedding at Susa

by 10,000 men

**iii.** Alex est. about 70 cities of **“**Alexandria**”**

**iv.** He settled Greeks and Macedonians

throughout his empire

**e.** At his death he said, “to the strongest**”**

would go his empire

**II.** World of the Hellenistic Kingdoms

**A.** [Three](http://www.houseofptolemy.org/graphics/310bce.gif) major plus other separate kingdoms emerge

**1.** Antigonids of Macedonia

**2.** Seleucids of Syria, Persia & India

**3.** Attalids of NW Asia Minor **(**Pergamum**)**

**4.** Ptolemies of Egypt

**B.** Antigonid Kingdom of Macedonia

**1.** Alexander’s family was exterminated

**2.** Antigonus Gonatus wins control **(**276 **B.C.E.)**

***a.*** *Grandson of a great general*

***b.*** *He established an uneasy peace between*

*Macedonia & Greece*

**C.** Seleucid Kingdom

**1.** Founded by [Seleucus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Seleuco_I_Nicatore.JPG) I Nicator **(“**victor**”)**

**(**358-281 **B.C.E.),** an officer for Alexander

**2.** Driven from India by Chandra Gupta Maurya

**3.** A trade and diplomatic relationship is made with

the Mauryan Empire

**D.** Kingdom of Pergamum

**1.** Freed itself from the Seleucids

**2.** Ally of Rome it fought off the Seleucids

**3.** By 63 **B.C.E.** Rome annexed Pergamum & Seleucids

**E.** Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt

**1.** General [Ptolemy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ptolemy_I_Soter_Louvre_Ma849.jpg) I Soter **(“**Savior**”) (**367-283 **B.C.E.)**

**2.** Longest lived of Alexander’s successor kingdoms

**3.** Ended with the reign of Cleopatra VII **(**30 **B.C.E.)**

**F.** Threat from the Celts**/**[Gauls](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Gaul,_1st_century_BC.gif)

**1.** Inhabitants of Europe

**2.** Sacked Italy & Rome in 390 **B.C.E.**

**3.** About300 **B.C.E.** invaded Macedonia & Greece

**4.** [Attalus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Attalos-I.jpg) I Soter **(**269-197 **B.C.E.)** of Pergamum

defeats the Galatians in 230 **B.C.E.**

**G.** Political & Military Institutions

**1.** Despotic monarchical nations are established

**a.** Localized democracy existed

**b.** Greco-Macedonian elite ruled & dominated

the Hellenistic kingdoms & cities

**i.** True Greeks ruled

**ii.** Acculturated Greeks ruled

**2.** Strong military based upon the designs of Philip

**a.** Inclusion of war elephants from India

**b.** Perfection of siege towers & catapults

**c.** Galleys became huge with 20-30 banks of oars

***H.*** *Hellenistic Cities*

***1.*** *Military garrisons became cities*

***2.*** *Some cities were est. from scratch*

**3.** Greek & Macedonian settlers were wanted,

esp. as administrators

**4.** Classical Greek language, architecture, design &

government were all common

**5.** Greek cities were the power base for rulers

against the non-Greek locals

***6.*** *Greek cities formed two important leagues*

***a.*** *Aetolean League of central Greece*

***b.*** *Achaean League of the Peloponnesus*

***I.*** *Economic Trends*

***1.*** *Lots of farming with lots of slaves*

***2.*** *Manufacturing from Greece, Mid East, to Egypt*

***a.*** *Alexandria, Egypt had the most*

***(****glass, oil, parchment, textiles, linens, & metals****)***

***b.*** *Trade was extensive, despite many wars*

***i.*** *From murex to slaves*

***ii.*** *Grain was the most important, esp. from*

*Egypt, Sicily and the Black Sea region*

***III.*** *Hellenistic Society*

***A.*** *New Opportunities for Upper-Class Women*

***1.*** *The Hellenistic Queens led the way in taking*

*leading roles in government, the arts and in*

*intellectual pursuits*

***2.*** *Women took a huge role in managing businesses*

***a.*** *Sparta had begun the trend with up to 40****%*** *of*

*the private land controlled by women*

***b.*** *In Athens, little changed for women*

***3.*** *Women were educated in some parts, esp. in*

*regards to artistic pursuits like poetry & music*

***4.*** *Even some aristocratic women held local offices*

***5.*** *Prostitution was common, esp. with the* ***hetairai***

*or upper class companions*

**B.** The Role of Slavery

**1.** Very common

**2.** Four sources of slaves:

**a.** Children of slaves

**b.** Children sold or abandoned by parents

**c.** Persons kidnapped by pirates

**d.** Prisoners of war

**3.** Delos was a central trade area with upwards

of 10,000 processed a day

***4.*** *Work varied*

***a.*** *For the government or government industry*

***b.*** *Domestic work or to become concubines*

***c.*** *Mining & farming*

***5.*** *Many slaves themselves were Hellenized*

***C.*** *The Transformation of Education*

***1.*** *Greek gymnasium becomes a secondary school*

***a.*** *Paid for by the wealthy*

***b.*** *Included music, physical exercise, literature*

*and esp. Homer*

***2.******Gymnasiarch*** *oversaw the upper-class education*

***a.*** *Unpaid prestigious position, but was excused*

*from most financial civic duties*

***b.*** *He had students compete in contests*

***c.*** *Hellenistic kings encouraged education for*

*future bureaucrats*

***IV.*** *Culture in the Hellenistic World*

***A.*** *New Directions in Literature*

***1.*** *Time of great patronage by monarchs especially*

*in Alexandria, Egypt & its circle of poets*

***2.*** *Theocritus* ***(~****342-291* ***B.C.E****.****)*** *of Alexandria**&*

*his* ***“****little poems****”*** *on love and nature*

***3.*** *Playwright Menander* ***(****342-291 B****.****C****.****E****.)*** *and his*

*writing of New Comedy – often involving a*

*prostitute*

***4.*** *Historian Polybius* ***(****203-120 B****.****C****.****E****.)*** *who wrote a*

*massive 40 vol. work on the Mediterranean world*

*with emphasis on the rise of Rome* ***(****5 vols. survive****)***

***B.*** *Hellenistic Art*

***1.*** *Great patronage in competing thru. decorations*

***a.*** *Heavy use of Corinthian columns* ***(****ornate****)***

***b.*** *Great age of artists portraying realistic art*

***c.*** *Some intermingling of*

[*Hindu*](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1GGRV_enUS772US772&tbm=isch&q=true+hellenistic+beauty&chips=q:true+hellenistic+beauty,online_chips:art&usg=AI4_-kQ5F5MYAXcX5ACZNfckHQ_SHMgYwA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiF-L38pIHeAhXXqYMKHTj6AqgQ4lYIKCgC&biw=1024&bih=706&dpr=1.25#imgrc=2-r0edLecD6McM:)***/***[*Buddhist*](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/78/Gandhara%2C_testa_di_buddha%2C_I-III_sec.JPG/300px-Gandhara%2C_testa_di_buddha%2C_I-III_sec.JPG)***/***[*Hellenistic*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greco-Buddhist_art#/media/File:IndoGreeksTrojanHorse.jpg) *art*

**2.** Portrayal of [humanity](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/27/Mosaic_of_Berenice_II%2C_Ptolemaic_Queen_and_joint_ruler_with_Ptolemy_III_of_Egypt%2C_Thmuis%2C_Egypt.jpg/200px-Mosaic_of_Berenice_II%2C_Ptolemaic_Queen_and_joint_ruler_with_Ptolemy_III_of_Egypt%2C_Thmuis%2C_Egypt.jpg) as it [really](https://cdn.newsapi.com.au/image/v1/50b57cfebb434a37d2ee62406e17312d?width=650) is

**a.** [True](https://www.google.com/search?q=hellenism+art+adonis&rlz=1C1GGRV_enUS772US772&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj93K3cpIHeAhXMzIMKHSlzCEsQ_AUIDigB&biw=1024&bih=706#imgrc=FDHpE9wQvuSe1M:) [beauty](http://www.museivaticani.va/content/dam/museivaticani/immagini/collezioni/musei/museo_gregoriano_etrusco/08_07_Adone_morente.jpg/_jcr_content/renditions/cq5dam.web.1280.1280.jpeg) in the [eye](http://www.getty.edu/publications/artistryinbronze/assets/img/figures/fig_15.11_McGowan.jpg)-of-the-[beholder](http://greeklandscapes.com/images/athens_museum/DSC00791.jpg)

**b.** [Exudes](http://greeklandscapes.com/images/athens_museum/DSC00839.jpg) [emotion](http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-65r88oCa3yg/Vd5QD06Zs8I/AAAAAAAAClk/1OZoVCXdL-c/s1600/Terme%2BBoxer.jpg) [&](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/77/Giuseppe-Mazzuoli-The-Death-of-Adonis-hermitag.jpg/220px-Giuseppe-Mazzuoli-The-Death-of-Adonis-hermitag.jpg) [feeling](https://pixel.nymag.com/imgs/daily/vulture/2016/07/15/15-dying-gaul.w700.h700.jpg) **(**[*today*](https://i.pinimg.com/originals/62/46/2a/62462a9b193f4db9a7ccea1018142478.jpg)**)**

**C.** A Golden Age of Science and Medicine

**1.** Science studied separately in a systematic fashion

**2.** [Aristarchus](http://www.russellcottrell.com/greek/images/Aristarchus.jpg) **(~**310-230 B**.**C**.**E**.)** went with the

heliocentric universe, rather than geocentric

**3.** [Eratosthenes](https://empoweryourknowledgeandhappytrivia.files.wordpress.com/2017/01/eratosthenes-statue.jpg?w=625) **(~**275-194 B**.**C**.**E**.)**

**a.** Earth is 24,675 miles around it

**b.** Off by less than 200 miles

**4.** [Euclid](http://www.azquotes.com/picture-quotes/quote-the-laws-of-nature-are-but-the-mathematical-thoughts-of-god-euclid-67-29-61.jpg) **(~**300 B**.**C**.**E**.)** of Alexandria and his seminal

geometry text called Elements

**5.** [Archimedes](http://www.math.nyu.edu/~crorres/Archimedes/Pictures/ArchimedesPictures.html) of Syracuse **(**287-212 **B.C.E.)**

**Often heard** **a.** Developed pi in the west

**to utter** **b.** Archimedes Principle of water displacement

**“**[**EUREKA**](http://www.dctech.com/physics/humor_math.php)**” c.** [Archimedes](http://www.cs.drexel.edu/~crorres/Archimedes/contents.html) [Screw](http://www.cs.drexel.edu/~crorres/Archimedes/Stamps/stamp_italian.jpg) for [lifting](http://www.hellenicaworld.com/Greece/ImagesGR/Archimedes_htm_m29b58180.jpg) water

**upon a** **d.** Developed the block & tackle or compound

**discovery** pulley

**e.** Romans killed him for hindering their siege

**6.** Huge on medical study, esp. in regards to

human anatomy and vivisection

**D.** Philosophy**:** New Schools of Thought

**1.** [Epicurus](http://un3arth1ygalaxy4.weebly.com/uploads/3/0/4/0/30402715/4937917_orig.jpg) **(**341-270 **B.C.E.)** & Epicureanism

**a.** Famous school in Athens dealt with pleasure

**b.** He denied an active role by gods

**c.** Reality is all atoms moving through the void

**c.** Pursuit of ethical pleasure leads to happiness

**d.** Passive pleasures, by avoiding worry &

responsibility and don’t serve in a public role

**2.** [Zeno](http://whatisstoicism.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Zeno-of-Citium.png) **(**287-212 **B.C.E.)** of Athens & Stoicism

**stoa = “porch”** **a.** Most popular philosophy of Hellenism & Rome

**b.** Happiness found in virtue

**c.** Live in harmony with divine will

**d.** Live according to nature & you have free will

**e.** Be a good citizen & serve government

**f.** All are equal at the level of the soul and have

a divine spark

**3.** No longer was the ***polis*** everything

**V.** Religion in the Hellenistic World

**A.** Mystery Religions **(**cults**)**

**1.** Secret initiations and promises of salvation

**2.** Greatly influenced by Egyptian religions

**3.** Had openly available temples in the east

**4.** Most such faiths had a deity that died and rose

again for the benefit of salvation for the followers

**5.** Initiation was a very emotional experience

**6.** Cult of Isis from Egypt

**a.** Spread with Hellenism

**b.** Isis was god of women, marriage & children

**c.** She was the bringer of civilization

**d.** The faith was a competitor of Christianity

**B.** The Jews in the Hellenistic World

**1.** Hellenistic world had syncretism

**(**Same gods, but different names**)**

**2.** Jews were unique with their monotheism

**3.** Seleucids ruled Judaea

**a.** [Antiochus](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e3/Antiokhos_IV.jpg) IV **(**175-163 **B.C.E.)**

**i.** Tried to placate Romans with new laws

**(1)** Ended the Sabbath & circumcision

as rites of Judaism

**(2)** Put Jupiter in the Jewish Temple

**ii.** Rebellion under Judas Maccabeus in

164 **B.C.E.** saw the temple retaken

**iii.** Event is celebrated every year with

Hanukkah **(“**rededication**”)**

**b.** Jews had great freedom till Roman rule

**i.** They were scattered throughout the

Mediterranean World

**ii.** Avoided true citizenship to worship

Yahweh and not foreign deities