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

 **(*UW-Marinette: History 105*)**

**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%3ABust_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%3AIsocrates_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%3AMeister_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%3ASeleuco_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%3APtolemy_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%3AGaul%2C_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%3AAttalos-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