

Alexander the Great Continued

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1. Battle of Granicus River
 - a. 334 B.C.
 - b. Alexander fights Persian forces at Granicus
 - i. Superior men and spears, with presence of alexander leads to a victory
 1. Alexander almost dies but saved by Cleitus the Black
 - a. Alexander frees Ionia and rules Asia Minor
2. Gordium
 - a. Gordian knot
 - i. Ancient greek legend
 - ii. Man who unties knot will be king of all Asia
 - iii. Alexander cuts the knot with his sword
3. Battle of Issus
 - a. 333 B.C.
 - b. Darius III of Persia assembles ¼ million soldiers
 - i. Meets Alexander at Issus River
 1. Darius flees when Alexander and the Macedonians push through Persian lines
 - a. Leaves, wife, mother and children
 - i. Alexander spares Darius' family
 - c. Alexander refuses offer of an alliance from Darius
 - i. Demands that Darius address him as "Lord of the Continent of Asia"
4. Siege at Tyre
 - a. 332 B.C.
 - b. Tyre refuses to surrender, holds for months
 - c. Macedonians construct land bridge to get to city
 - i. Tyrians set it on fire
 - d. Alexander sets up catapults on ships
 - i. Eventually take the city through opening in walls.
5. Egypt
 - a. Alexander marches to Egypt and is proclaimed Pharaoh
 - b. Establishes Alexandria
 - i. Lighthouse of Alexandria - > one of the 7 ancient wonders of the world