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Ancient Greece

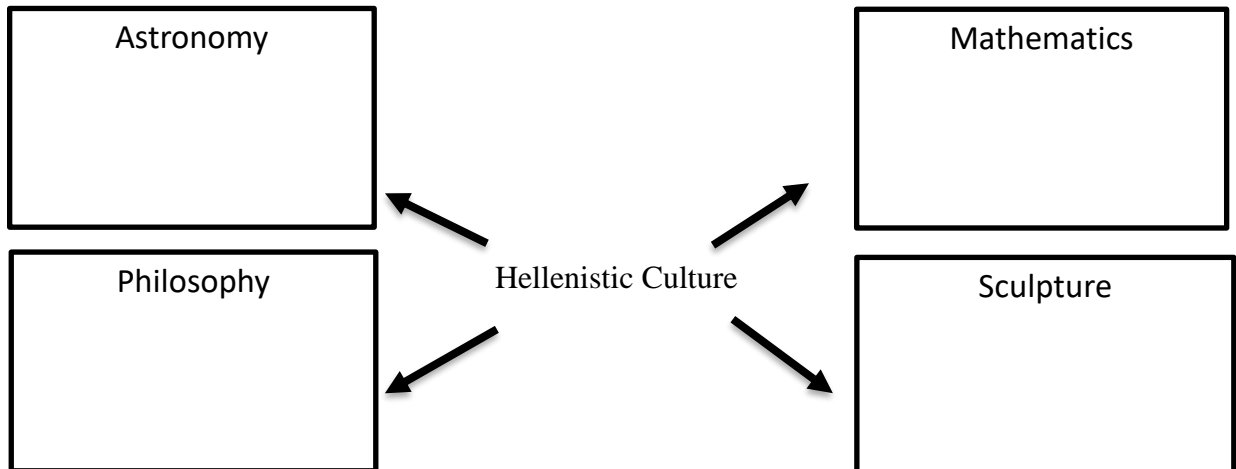
Objective: Was Alexander of Macedonia a Hero or a Villain?

Alexander's Empire:

1. How did Greek independence end?
2. Why did Alexander move against the Persians?
3. What happened when Alexander moved to Egypt?
4. Why did Alexander starts towards home?
5. What happened to Alexander's Empire?

The Spread of Hellenistic Culture:

1. What is Hellenistic culture?
2. What made Alexandria, Egypt a cultural center?
3. What advancements were made during the Hellenistic era?



Alexander the Great's Resume

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Took the throne of Macedonia at age 20 upon father's assassination (336 B.C.)
- Military commander at age 16; rode at the front of his army to lead his men
- Invaded and conquered Asia Minor, Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Middle East, The Persian Empire, Afghanistan, Bactria, and invaded India. Highly motivated. Seldom satisfied.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Campaigned for ten consecutive years and never lost a major battle
- Founded dozens of cities; most of which are named Alexandria
- Brought culture to millions of people but insisted that culture be Greek
- Knew the names of 10,000 soldiers
- Known to be extremely cruel to captured slaves in order to put down any thought of rebellion

PERSONAL NOTES

- Shared men's hardships; lived as soldier
- 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; deferred treatment until others were treated
- Disappointed his famous teacher because he was never satisfied or content with his accomplishments
- Promoted learning and culture across all the vast territory he conquered
- Died under questionable circumstances

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 non-Greek wives: Parysatis, Stateira, and Roxane.
Died: 323 B.C., Babylon

Directions: Sort through Alexander the Great's resume. List below the items that make him Great or Not Great in your opinion. Remember, it's not always the number of accomplishments, but sometimes it's how *important* the accomplishments are.

Great	Not Great

Utilizing the evidence above, do you consider Alexander of Macedonia to be Great or Not Great?