Chapter 4 Section 5: Alexander and the Hellenistic Age

Lesson Objectives

63. Explain how Alexander the Great built an extensive ___________________________.

64. Describe the empire’s ___________________________ impact. (Hellenistic Culture)

65. Identify the groups who ___________________________ to Hellenistic civilization.

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Philip II

- Philip II of ___________________________ dreamed of conquering the city-states to the south.
- He hired ___________________________ to be his son Alexander’s tutor.
- He was ___________________________ before he could continue building his empire.

Alexander Takes Persia

- Alexander carried on with his father’s desire to conquer ___________________________.
- The Emperor, Darius III, was ___________________________ and the people were in constant rebellion.
- Alexander invaded Persia and conquered ___________________________, Palestine, and ___________________________.
- He then went east and conquered the capital city at ___________________________.

Alexander invades India

- With most of the Persian Empire under his control Alexander pushed further east into India.
- He crossed the high ___________________________ mountains into Northern India.
- Alexander never lost a battle but his soldiers ___________________________ to go further east. They began their long journey home.

Alexander's Early Death

- Before he could continue conquering Alexander came down with a ___________________________ and died at the age of _____________.
- He left no ___________________________ to his throne.
- His empire was divided up into ___________________________ parts and controlled by his three most powerful generals.
Why was Alexander the Great able to conquer such a vast area of the world?

- Excellent army
- Great military commander
- The Persian Empire
- The Greek city-states had enough resources to help pay for his conquests.

64. Describe the empire’s cultural impact. (Hellenistic Culture)

The Legacy of Alexander: Cultures Combine

Cultural Diffusion

- Many new cities were founded throughout his empire. (Most named after him)
- Greek soldiers, artisans, and merchants introduced Greek ideas and culture in these cities.
- They built Greek temples and introduced Greek ideas and culture to the world.
- Local people, or absorbed, Greek ideas and culture.
- Greek settlers also adopted local customs.

Blending of eastern and western cultures

- Alexander had himself married a woman. He also encouraged his people to do so as well.
- He had also adopted many customs.
- After his death a new culture emerged that blended __________________, __________________, __________________, and __________________ influences.
- This __________________ culture would flourish for several centuries.

Alexandria

- Located on the trade routes between Europe and Asia in ____________________.
- Scholars accumulated knowledge and it became a center of ____________________.
- The Museum and ____________________ housed thousands of scrolls representing the knowledge of the ancient world.

65. Identify the groups who contributed to Hellenistic civilization.

Hellenistic Culture

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