

Alexander the Great Primary Resource

This history primary resource introduces pupils to Alexander the Great. Learn all about the life of this legendary military leader. When was Alexander the Great born? When did he become the king of Macedon? What cities and kingdoms did he conquer?

In our National Geographic Kids primary resource sheet, pupils will discover the significant events that occurred during Alexander the Great's lifetime, and learn about the vast empire he built stretching from Africa to Asia.

The teaching resource can be used in study group tasks and discussions about Alexander the Great and Ancient civilisations. It can be used as a printed handout for each pupil to review and annotate, or for display on the interactive whiteboard for class discussion.

Activity:

Ask pupils to make a battle shield for Alexander the Great - they could draw their shields on A3 paper, or create them using card and other arts & crafts materials. Their shields should be personalised for Alexander, showing the key events of his life. Examples of things to include could be the year he was born, his parents' names, images of cities he's conquered, a map of his empire - or even a portrait of Alexander himself! Encourage the pupils to have lots of fun getting creative with different designs, colours and materials.

Pupils could also carry out their own research and produce an article, poster or fact sheet about one of the events or places featured in the primary resource. Example topics could be the Battle of Chaeronea, the taking of Thessaly, Mount Ossa and the city of Alexandria.