

History's Greatest Hits!

ALL ABOUT

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

A bold military leader, Alexander the Great conquered enough land to create a 5.1-million-km² empire. Get the lowdown on the life of this legendary ruler...

Historians don't always know the exact dates of events from ancient times. That's why you'll see a 'ca' next to the years listed below. It stands for 'circa,' meaning 'around!'

START

CA 356 B.C.

Alexander was born to **King Philip II** and **Queen Olympias**, rulers of the **Ancient Greek** kingdom of **Macedon**. Alexander's tutor was a famous philosopher named **Aristotle**, who taught the young prince and his friends about **medicine, religion, logic and art!**

ERM... MY HORSE ATE MY HOME-WORK?



CA 338 B.C.

Alexander helped his father command troops at the **Battle of Chaeronea** (Cair-oh-NEE-ah). Following King Philip's death two years later, Alexander became ruler at the age of **20**.



CA 336 B.C.

Macedon's new king conquered his first city – **Thessaly**, a neighbour to the south. Alexander and his men sneaked up behind **Mount Ossa**, a nearby mountain range separating the two locations, and surprised the Thessalian guards while they were sleeping. Well, you know how it is – you snooze, you lose!

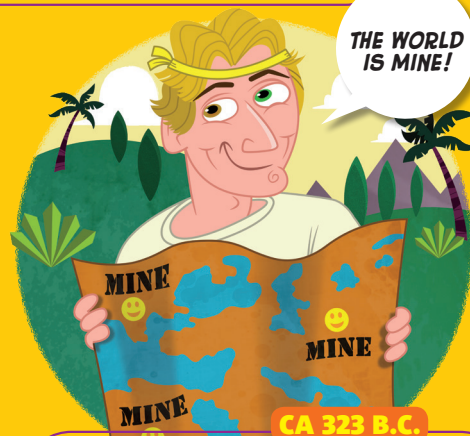
Historians think Alexander had two different coloured eyes – one hazel and one green.

CA 331 B.C.

Alexander invaded **Egypt** and took over the kingdom. He was crowned **pharaoh** and established the famous Egyptian city of **Alexandria**, naming it after himself!



THE WORLD IS MINE!



CA 323 B.C.

Alexander became sick and died at the age of **32**. In just 13 years, he had built a massive empire spreading from **Africa** to **Asia**, and introduced Greek culture to much of the world. Blimey!