Alexander the Great: Villain Joe Student

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 Period 4

 Alexander blah blah blah Alexander III of Macedon commonly known as Alexander the Great was a king of [Macedon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macedonia_%28ancient_kingdom%29), a state in northern [ancient Greece](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Greece). Born in [Pella](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pella) in 356 BC, Alexander was tutored by [Aristotle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aristotle) until the age of 16. By the age of thirty, he had created one of the [largest empires](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_empires) of the [ancient world](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_history), stretching from the [Ionian Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ionian_Sea) to the [Himalayas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himalayas). He was undefeated in battle and is considered one of history's most successful commanders.

Alexander succeeded his father, [Philip II of Macedon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_II_of_Macedon), to the throne in 336 BC after Philip was assassinated. Upon Philip's death, Alexander inherited a strong kingdom and an experienced army. He was awarded the generalship of Greece and used this authority to launch his father's military expansion plans. In 334 BC, he invaded [Persian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia)-ruled [Asia Minor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anatolia) and began a [series of campaigns](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wars_of_Alexander_the_Great) that lasted ten years. Alexander broke the power of Persia in a series of decisive battles, most notably the battles of [Issus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Issus) and [Gaugamela](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Gaugamela).

 He subsequently overthrew the Persian King [Darius III](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Darius_III) and conquered the entirety of the [Persian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Achaemenid_Empire). At that point, his empire stretched from the [Adriatic Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adriatic_Sea) to the [Indus River](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indus_River). In 334 BC, he invaded [Persian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persia)-ruled [Asia Minor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anatolia) and began a [series of campaigns](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wars_of_Alexander_the_Great) that lasted ten years. Alexander broke the power of Persia in a series of decisive battles, most notably the battles of [Issus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Issus) and [Gaugamela](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Gaugamela).

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**Revision**

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1. What are two pieces of supporting evidence you use to back-up your claim?

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2. Does your paper have at least three paragraphs (introduction, body, conclusion)? yes or no
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