

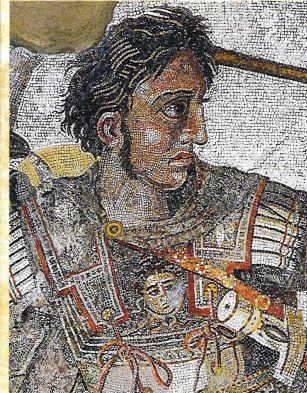
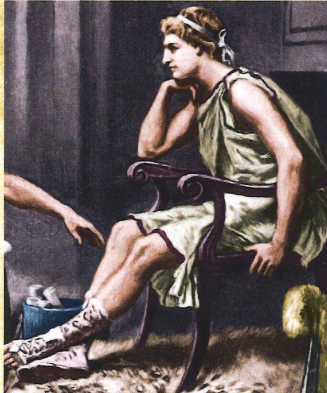
HERO OR VILLAIN?

Created one of the largest empires of the ancient world by the age of 30

“There is nothing impossible to him who will try.”

Undefeated in battle, he is widely considered one of history’s most successful military leaders

“[It is] a most slavish thing to luxuriate, and a most royal thing to labor.”



Spent his entire life building an empire that quickly crumbled after his death

“A tomb now suffices him for whom the whole world was not sufficient.” —tomb epitaph

Died at the age of 33 from unknown causes

“Holy shadows of the dead, I’m not to blame for your cruel and bitter fate, but the accursed rivalry which brought sister nations and brother people to fight one another.”

Feats:

- ★ Became the king of Macedon at the age of 20 upon the death of his father
- ★ Conquered the entire Persian empire stretching all the way to India in just a matter of a few years
- ★ Founded dozens of cities bearing his name and spread Greek culture throughout the known world
- ★ Ranked among the most influential people in human history, with military feats still studied today
- ★ Solved the unsolvable Gordian Knot by slashing through it with his sword, fulfilling prophecies that the man who solved the knot would be the next king of Asia

Failures:

- ★ Exploits were halted, not by defeat, but by his own troops growing homesick and protesting
- ★ Executed several of his governors for mismanagement of the empire while he was away
- ★ His empire was ill-prepared for his sudden death and quickly split up following it
- ★ Destroyed ancient artifacts, killed thousands, and damaged the cultures in the regions he conquered
- ★ Reported as being short-tempered and resorted to violent means to solve even small problems



YOU Be the Judge!

