

**Research Paper – *Alexander the Great of Macedonia***  
**Due Sunday, July 25, 2021**  
(Submit electronically on Canvas)

**Topic:**

Alexander the Great of Macedonia, a military genius who conquered an empire that stretched from Egypt to Afghanistan, is one of the greatest individual figures in the entire history of Western Civilization. Use historical events and examples from the **textbook**, as well as **primary documents** and **outside research**, to discuss the legacy of Alexander the Great. How did he come to power in Macedonia? What regions did he conquer? Why was he so successful in battle? How did he influence the development of the “Hellenistic” period? What impact did Alexander the Great have on the direction of Western Civilization?

**In your paper you MUST include:**

- A discussion of the primary sources and their authors (see **Research Paper Primary Source Packet**)
- A description of Alexander’s background and his rise to power in Macedonia
- An assessment of his military achievements and his role in building an impressive empire
- An evaluation of Alexander’s legacy and his overall impact on Western Civilization

**You SHOULD also consider:**

- What motivated Alexander the Great to establish numerous cities and conquer such a large empire
- Why some historians are critical of this Macedonian conqueror
- The accuracy of the sources that modern historians rely upon to reconstruct his life and legacy

**Expectations:**

- Papers should be 8-10 pages in length, double spaced, and written in a 12-point font
- Include quotes from at least THREE (3) primary sources in the packet
- In addition to the textbook and the primary sources, you should consult at least FOUR (4) outside secondary sources on this topic—you must cite properly
- All online sources must be reputable (.edu, .org, .gov, etc.)—no Wikipedia or similar websites
- You **MUST** use at least THREE (3) scholarly books/journal articles in this paper to receive full credit
- You must exhibit a coherent organizational structure, including an introduction, conclusion, & thesis statement
- Papers must contain more than just factual information—construct an argument that discusses the significant issues and provide an in-depth analysis of the topic
- Proofread your papers—points will be deducted for typos and grammar errors
- All papers must include a bibliography or works cited page using MLA, APA, or Chicago Manual of Style citations

**LATE PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**