

## 1.5 The Historians Appraisal of Alexander the Great

Answer the following questions as you watch the video...

### Questions:

#### 1. Childhood in Pella:

- a) Describe Alexander's childhood – remember he is essentially a prince. Is he spoiled? Is he naturally curious and smart? How is he being groomed for leadership?
  
- b) Describe Alexander's taming of the "wild" horse. What does this reveal about his character?
  
- c) Alexander's father, Philip, told him "...son, you will have to find a kingdom big enough for your ambition. Macedonia is too small for you." How is this statement prophetic?

#### 2. The Battle at the Granicus River: Alexander is now the King and has conquered all of Greece. He now moves on to Greece's long-time enemy – Persia (led by their king Darius...a descendent of Cyrus the Great).

- a) Describe his decision to engage in battle here. Consider the following: How does it point to his sense of ambition? How does this battle reveal his bravery OR his recklessness? Why is the win here important – strategically, but also symbolically?

3. The Siege of Tyre/ Alexander's Spiritual Journey/ The Battle of Gaugemala

- a) What does the siege of Tyre reveal about Alexander's determination and/or arrogance and ruthlessness?
  
- b) How is he received in Egypt? Why should this, perhaps, not be surprising?
  
- c) How does the Battle of Gaugemala ensconce Alexander as the "ruler of the world", and ensure that Darius and the Persians never pose a threat to him?