

Hello y5 and 6 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Today you are going to sequence these dates vertically. You will draw a line in the middle of your page and write year 0 at the top (birth of Christ).

When you put these dates in order remember that 333BC (before Christ) is **CLOSER** to year 0 at the top of your timeline and that 340 BC is **further away** than year 0 at the top of your timeline.

Just before you start, watch **History horse-taming** file (showing a video clip of a 13 year old Alexander)

And **History clever solution** file (showing Alexander as a young man when faced with an impossible task to prove that he would rule Asia).

Now you must decide which are the ten most important dates below to choose to use in your timeline. When you have selected them, arrange them in chronological order on your timeline.

When this is done, make a key and colour code like this:

Evidence of Alexander's bad temper:



Evidence of Alexander's good ideas:



Evidence that Alexander is gifted

(is exceptional/special):



(You can choose your own colours here).

Now go and dot or underline any parts of your timeline that tie in with the key.

333 B.C. Alexander cuts the Gordian Knot. *whoever untied the impossible knot would rule Asia*  
Battle of Issus.

332 B.C. Siege of Tyre.  
September-October: Alexander captures Gaza

331 B.C. Battle of Gaugamela.  
Babylon conquered.  
Alexander occupies Susa

336 B.C. Wedding of Alexander of Epirus to Cleopatra,  
daughter of Philip and Olympia.  
Murder of Philip.  
Alexander becomes King of Macedonia

335 B.C. Early spring: Alexander goes north to deal  
with rebellion in Thrace and Illyria.  
Conquers Thebes

334 B.C. Alexander's Persian campaign begins.  
May: Battle of the Granicus

356 B.C. ← July: Alexander born at Pella, Macedonia

343 B.C. *(aged 13)* Alexander tames Bucephalus. *The King's horse trainers had failed to do so.*  
Aristotle invited to Macedonia to be Alexander's tutor

340 B.C. Alexander temporary ruler in Macedonia,  
squashes first revolt

338 B.C. August 2: Battle of Chaeronea.  
League of Corinth formed

337 B.C. Philip II marries his fifth wife, Cleopatra, niece of Attalus.  
Olympias takes her daughter Cleopatra and Alexander to Epirus

324 B.C. Alexander marries Statira, daughter of Darius.  
Death of Hephaestion, Alexander's close friend

*80 senior Greek officials also married Persians to unite Greece and Persia*  
323 B.C. ← June 10/11 Alexander dies

Alexander IV is born  
*(His son)*

330 B.C. January: Alexander reaches Persepolis  
and ransacks the city.

Kills his friend Philotas. *tortured him after hearing he was plotting against Alexander*  
July: Darius III found murdered near Hecatompylus.  
Bessus establishes himself in Bactria

329 B.C. March-April: Alexander crosses Hindu Kush.  
Alexander advances towards Bactria

328 B.C. Bactria conquered.  
Campaign against Spitamenes.

Kills his friend Cleitus the Black in an argument  
*after a feast. Cleitus had once saved Alexander's life in battle.*

327 B.C. Alexander's marriage to Roxane.  
Invasion of India begins

326 B.C. Alexander reaches Indus.  
Ambhi surrenders.  
Battle of the Hydaspes against Porus.  
Death of Bucephalus.  
Soldiers refuse to go further.  
Alexander seriously wounded

325 B.C. Alexander marches back to Persia

(JUMBLED  
UP ALEXANDER  
THE  
GREAT  
TIMELINE)

