Document A

Source: Map created from various sources.

Alexander's Empire

Note: In 334 BCE, Alexander crossed from Macedonia to Asia with an army of about 40,000. Most were Macedonians; others were Greeks and mercenaries (hired fighters).

Document Analysis

1. When Alexander and his army invaded Asia in 334 BCE, where did they first meet serious Persian resistance? (Hint: Look for the first battle site.)

2. How many times does the city name “Alexandria” appear on the map? What conclusions can you draw from this?

3. As Alexander’s foot soldiers marched, approximately how many miles was it from Pella, the capital of Macedonia, to Egypt to the Hydaspes (“hay-das-pees”) River in India? (Follow the arrows.)

4. How can you use the map to argue that Alexander was great?

5. How can you use the map to argue that Alexander was not great?
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III. Answer all the document questions in complete sentences.

Document Analysis

1. What is the meaning of the term “Hellenistic Age”? See Note.

2. When we ask, “What was Alexander’s legacy?,” what are we asking?

3. How can this document be used to argue that Alexander’s legacy extended from Italy to India? Explain, using two specific examples.

4. How can you use this document to argue that Alexander was great?

5. How can you use this document to argue that Alexander was not great?