

Who was Alexander the Great?

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- Alexander the Great

Alexander the Great had one of the biggest empires in history. His empire spread from the Indian Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea. To be this great you need to be narcissistic, intelligent, and a great conqueror. Alexander had all of these personality traits down. In this essay, you will read about Alexander, who was born in 356 BC, and started off as the prince of Macedonia. By the time he died in 323 BC, Alexander ruled most of the known world. The people were loyal to him because he was a handsome warrior and brave leader. My favorite quote from Alexander the Great is, "In the end, when it's over, all that matters is what you've done." Alexander wanted to be the most famous person in the world, and to do that he had to be narcissistic, intelligent and a great conqueror.

Alexander was narcissistic. The definition of narcissistic is a person who is extremely self-centered with an exaggerated sense of self-importance.¹ For instance, when he was 12 years old, he would not take no as an answer. When Alexander wanted to buy Beusefulis, the most powerful horse, the ringmaster said that the horse was scared of his shadow, making the horse unrideable. Thus making the king refuse to buy the horse. Then suddenly, Alexander jumped over the fence running towards Beusefulis. Alexander ignored his father and ran straight towards the horse. instead of

¹ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/narcissistic>

teaching Alexander a lesson, Alexander taught the king a lesson. He took Beusefulis into the grass were she can't see her shadow and Alexander got to ride the horse. The king was surprised and bought the horse. Alexander bragged a lot, too. Another example of him being narcissistic was at one of the parties he bragged that he won a battle all by himself, even though one of his friends saved his life and that friend was right next to him. His friend was furious, so he told Alexander that he was not the son of Zeus which was a powerful god. He was the son of King Philip and he was a human not a god. Alexander swiped a dagger from one of the guards and killed his friend.

Alexander was also intelligent. He was intelligent from the fact that he went to school longer than any macedonian. Macedonians went to school until they were twelve years old and then they worked in the fields or went to the army. Also, he had the wisest man in the country, Aristotle, as a private tutor. He learned how to play a harp , and he had a great love of books. He always slept with a book of poetry and a dagger under his pillow. This shows that he loved poetry and books.

Alexander was a great general. He led men thousands of miles. He conquered most of the known world. He was confident about winning, too. We would win every battle. In one of the battles, he jumped off his ship and threw his spear on the land and said, "It is mine." Another great scene, was when an arrow struck his left lung , and he was still alive. When one of his men found water and offered it to Alexander, but instead of drinking it, he poured it in the ground for the gods. Alexander and his men made it back to Macedonia alive. Only 50 soldiers died on the way back.

In 356 BC Alexander died from not eating or drinking for so long. The reason was because at the party he killed his friend. Alexander ruled more than 50 territories because he was narcissistic, intelligent and a great conqueror. And that is how Alexander had the right to be called the great.