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What if? A lot of people are thinking about this question when looking back in time at some moments or times in history and think what if it went different. One of the biggest what ifs has to be, what if Alexander the Great would have died in his first battle against Persia? How would the empires back then have changed? Alexander had a big influence during his time as King of Macedonia when he conquered the Persian Empire, so what if he would have died in the first battle before creating one of the biggest empires in history?

When looking at the Persian Empire then there is one very likely thing that would have happened and that is that the Persian Empire would have probably stayed tall and defeat the Macedonians. There would have still been very big battles between the two empires but since there wouldn't have been someone to follow Alexander on the throne it would have been difficult for Greece. So the Persian Empire would have stayed one of the biggest forces and we would have had a different empire layout in the east.

Another area which would have developed very different is the area of India. The Indian empire would have very likely emerged earlier than it did and since they used a lot of Greek things and ideas they would have developed very differently without that and could have conquered more land possibly.

The Hellenistic Kingdom is another big one which wouldn't have been there if Alexander would have died, since those kingdoms were a result of the war's from Alexander the Great. The Hellenistic Kingdoms had many Greek ideals and culture which impacted the world during that time, so if they would have never been created, there would have been a lot of different empires and other ideals during that time.

The last area/empire which would have been affected significantly would have been the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire was impacted a lot by Alexander the Great because of his conquests they raised to power quickly, so if Alexander the Great wouldn't have conquered Persia, then the Roman Empire could have risen way slower than they did.

So in conclusion you can definitely say that there are a lot of "What if's" when it comes to Alexander the Great. If he would've died in his first battle, then a lot of ancient history would have been different and other Empires would have risen to power probably. The ones named above are just a few examples of areas and Empires which got affected a lot by Alexander the Great.

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