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### Research & Writing Assignment

What if Alexander the Great died in his first battle?

In this Assignment I'm gonna talk about what might have happened if Alexander the Great died in his first battle and never went on to conquer Persia and establish the Hellenistic World. I'm going to break down how this would have impacted three key areas: Alexander's military conquests, the Hellenistic Kingdoms that were established under his rule, and the successor kingdoms of India and Rome.

Alexander's military conquests: If Alexander had died in his first battle, his military conquests would have been limited to the region of Macedonia, and Greece may have continued to be a collection of independent city-states. Without Alexander's military success, it's possible that other conquerors would have arisen and battled for power in the Mediterranean world. Also, without Alexander's influence, the Persians could have maintained control over their empire for longer, and the Greeks might never have developed into the military and cultural powerhouse they became.

The Hellenistic Kingdoms: The Hellenistic Kingdoms were the result of the division of Alexander's empire among his generals. Without Alexander conquering Persia and establishing his empire, the division of the land would have been much smaller and likely more confined to the region of Macedonia. This could have led to a number of small, independent kingdoms, rather than the Hellenistic empires that dominated the Mediterranean world.

Successor Kingdoms of India and Rome: Alexander's conquest of Persia and Central Asia had a deep impact on the world, spreading Greek culture and ideas as far as India. If he had not conquered Persia, it's likely that the Maurya Empire in India and the Roman Republic would not have had the same Greek influence. If Alexander the Great had not conquered Persia, the Roman Republic might not have even existed, since they mainly expanded to take advantage of the weakened Hellenistic kingdoms (Classical Greece).

People wouldn't have adapted to the Greek culture and style, which is why cities would have been built differently and the society wouldn't have changed. Even our language today is hugely influenced by Greek, so we wouldn't use significant words like "democracy" and "Philosophy". There are unlimited possible ways how Alexander's death could have changed the course of history. In my opinion, the most likely is that some other kingdom would have expanded and then they would have had a similar influence on the world as Alexander had with the Macedonian Empire (p.138). It's hard to say for sure, but it's safe to say that the Hellenistic World we know today wouldn't exist.

