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### Film and Discussion

#### Alexander the Great (All Parts), Epic History TV

King Philip II of Macedonia rose to power in approximately 338 BC, and within a year, he united all Greeks under the "Hellenic Alliance" with himself as the commander-in-chief. His aim was to conquer the Persian Empire, and he was succeeded by his son, Alexander, who continued the plan after his father's assassination in 336 BC.

In order to strengthen his power, Alexander eliminated his opposition and enslaved their people, taking their resources for himself. He declared war on Persia in 334 BC and emerged victorious in the "Battle of Granicus," as well as subsequent battles. He conquered important coastal cities, including Marathus, Byblos, Sidon, and Alexandria, and defeated the Spartans. The Persian king attempted to ally with Alexander by offering him his daughter's hand in marriage, but Alexander declined. He then devised a plan to defeat the Persians, burning their cities and temples, which led to retaliatory attacks. Despite being outnumbered, Alexander emerged victorious in the war against the Persians. Alexander's troops became dissatisfied with him, and he killed one of his closest advisors while intoxicated. He continued to expand his territory, fought numerous bloody battles, and even marched into Indian territories. However, his troops refused to go further, and he was forced to return.

During his return, Alexander married two women and killed several high-ranking officials before dying in Babylon of an unexplained fever. Although he left behind no plan for his

successors, Alexander was a fierce and fearless warrior who won every battle he fought, with his brutal and merciless tactics.