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*What if Alexander the Great had died in his first battle and never conquered Persia and established the Hellenistic World? How would this Age of Empires Change?*

If Alexander the Great had died in his first battle and never conquered Persia, it is likely that the course of history would have been significantly different. Without Alexander's conquests, the Hellenistic world would not have come into existence and the cultural, political, and economic developments associated with that period would not have occurred.

I believe Greek culture may not have spread as widely. Alexander's conquests played a significant role in spreading Greek culture and ideas throughout the ancient world. Without him, it is possible that Greek culture may not have spread as widely, or at least not as quickly. I also believe the Persian Empire may have continued to dominate the region. If Alexander had not defeated the Persian Empire, it's also possible that it would have continued to be the dominant power in the ancient world. This could have had a significant impact on the history and development of the region. The famous Roman Empire may not have risen to power. Alexander's conquests had an impact on the rise of the Roman Empire. Without the Hellenistic world to serve as a cultural and intellectual bridge between Greece and Rome, it is possible that the Roman Empire may not have developed as it did. I think in general other powers may have risen to prominence. Without Alexander's conquests, other powers may have risen to prominence in the ancient world. Some of the smaller cities of Greece or other empires may have risen to become dominant powers in the Mediterranean world.

If Alexander the Great had died in his first battle, the ancient world would have developed along a different course, with different cultural, political, and economic developments. Although it is difficult to predict exactly what the world would have looked like without his influence. In general without Alexander's conquests, I believe the Hellenistic

world would not have come into existence, and the cultural, political, and economic developments associated with that period would not have occurred.

## Work Cited

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