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Global History I
Alexander the Great

WAS ALEXANDER THE GREAT A HERO OR A VILLIAN?

Directions: Read the following documents and answer the questions that follow.

DOCUMENT #1

“The Hellenistic Age lasted from 323 BC – 30 BC. Greek knowledge, culture, and customs were spread throughout much of the ancient world. The driving force behind this spreading of Greek civilization was Alexander the Great who died in 323 BC.”

According to document #1, what was Alexander the Great’s main accomplishment?

DOCUMENT #2

“At age 33, using only men and horses, Alexander had placed almost a million square miles under his control. Everywhere his army went, whether Egypt or Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, or Turkey, Alexander and his army of Greeks were victorious. Alexander had truly deserved his title, at least as a military commander.”

According to document #2, why did Alexander the Great earn his title?

DOCUMENT #3

“Those who surrendered quickly to Alexander were often showed mercy and generosity. The Phoenician towns of Gaza and Tyre, however refused to surrender. After nine months of attacks, Alexander and his army burst into the walled cities. Eight thousand enemy soldiers were slaughtered, two thousands Tyrian soldiers were crucified, remaining women and children were all sold into slavery, and the ancient cities were totally destroyed.”

According to document #3, why were the two cities of Tyre and Gaza destroyed?

DOCUMENT #4

“It was not Alexander’s plan to ransack Asia like a robber, or to ruin it... but to bring all of the kingdom of Earth under one form of government, and to make one nation of mankind... one law all over the world, and one form of justice... the common light of universal government.”

According to document #4, why was Alexander attacking different kingdoms in Asia?
