

Alexander the Great (356-323 BC)

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UNIT 1 - LECTURE 12



Before Asian Invasion (336-334 BC)

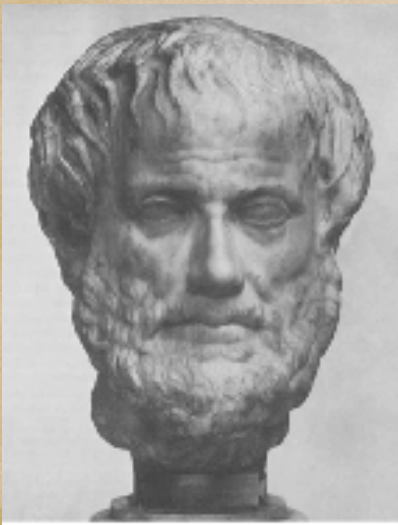
- Alexander told by his mother that he was son of Zeus.
- Romantic obsession with Iliad
 - Alexander & Hephæstion = Achilles & Patroklos
- A “Mozart” of military strategy & tactics
- 336 BC Philip was assassinated
- After becoming King Alexander secures his position...
 1. Settles Illyria, Thrace & Danube area
 2. Kills new step brother & mother
 3. Destroys Thebes (except Pindar's house & religious)
 4. Installs pro-Macedonians tyrants at Athens
 5. Replaces Ionian tyrants with pro-Macedonian demo.



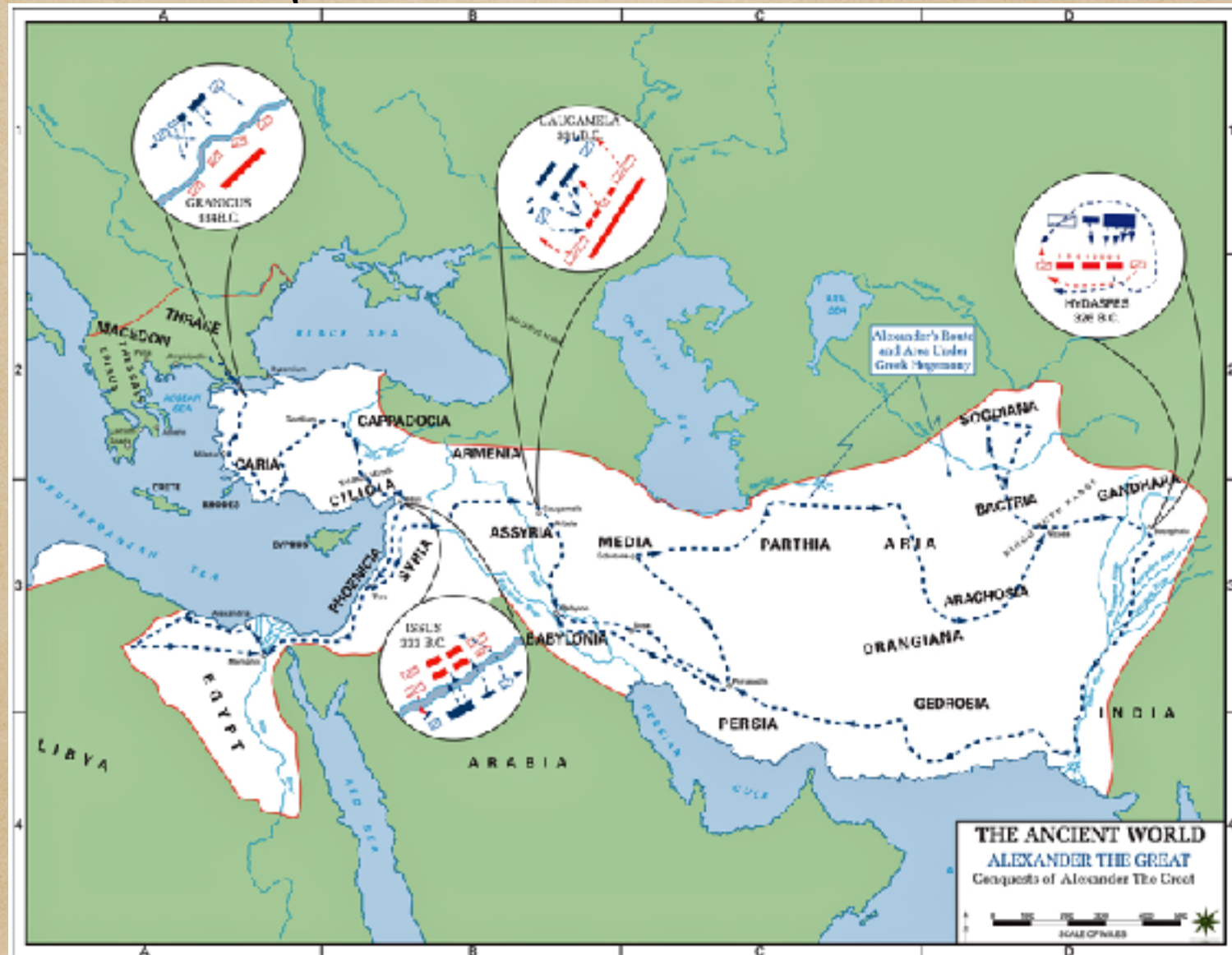
Aristotle (384-322 BC)



- Tutor to Alexander & his companions
- True reality is visible world of change and motion
- Try to describe the true principles which cause change and motion
- Invented Most modern western scientific empirical thinking and the scientific method
- As a result of this, he wrote about everything:
poetics, drama, rhetoric, economics, ethics, politics,
biology, physics, mathematics, metaphysics,
anatomy, physiology, logic, dreams, geometry, etc.



Conquest of Persia (334-323 BC)

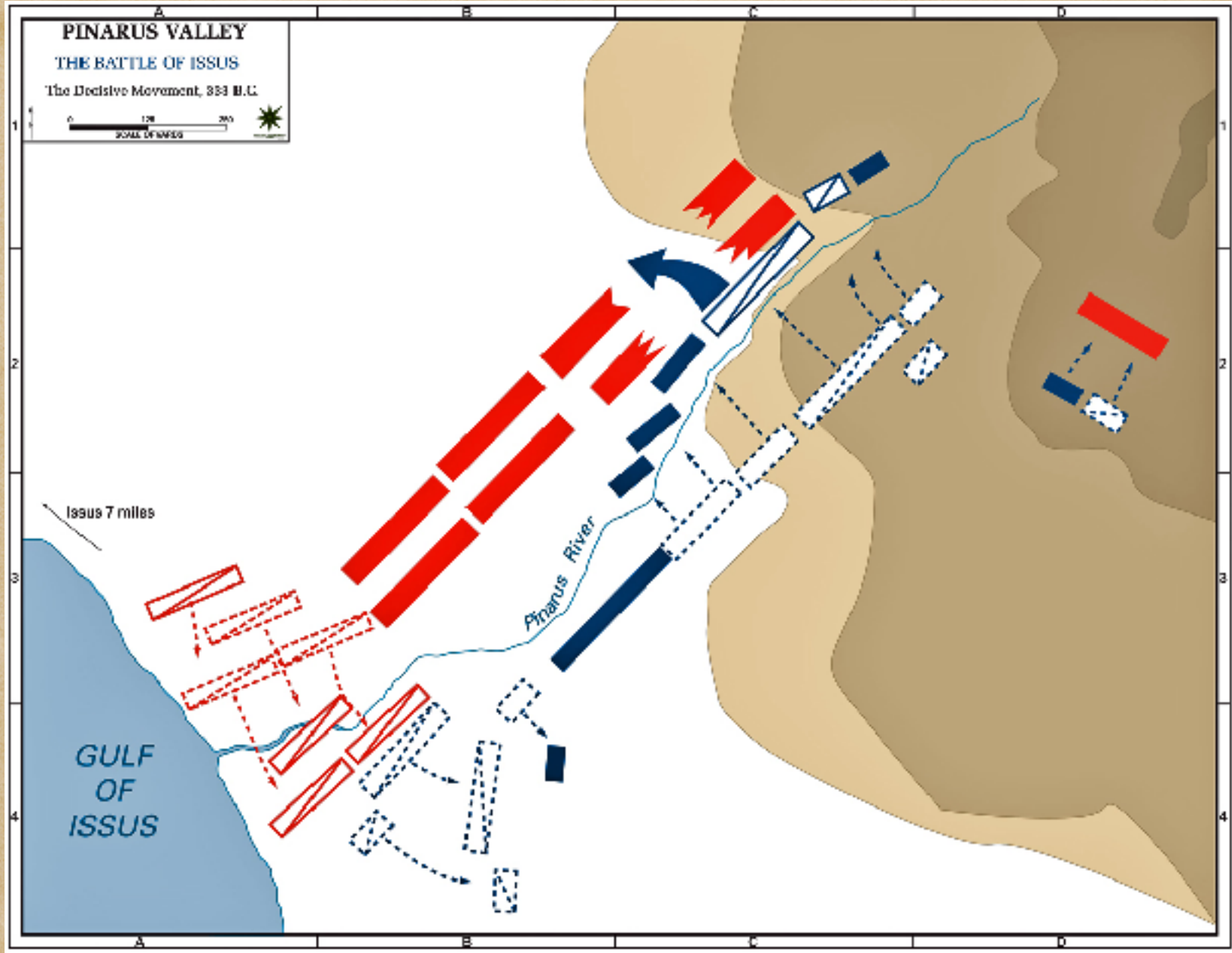


PINARUS VALLEY

THE BATTLE OF ISSUS

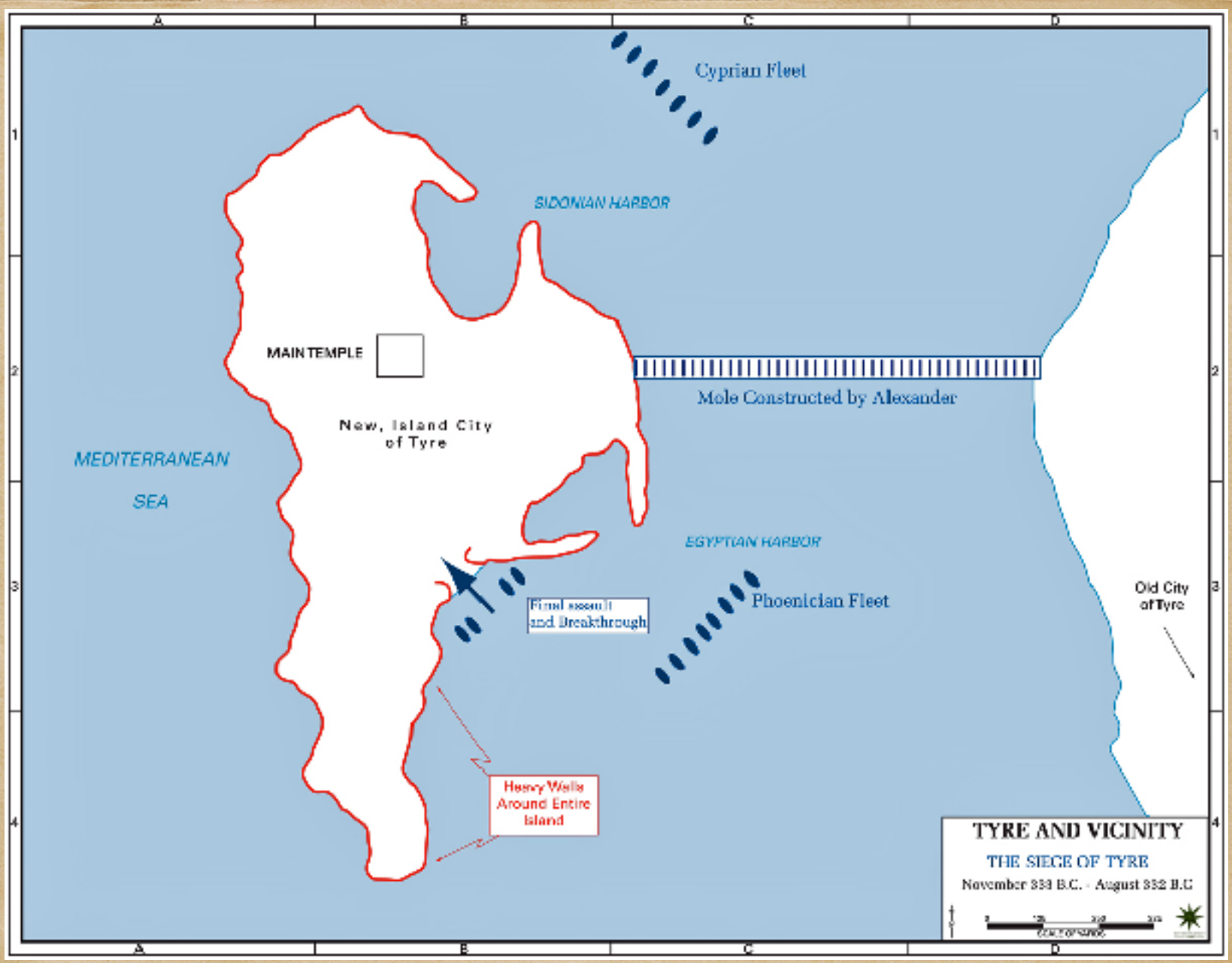
The Decisive Movement, 333 B.C.

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SCALE OF MILES

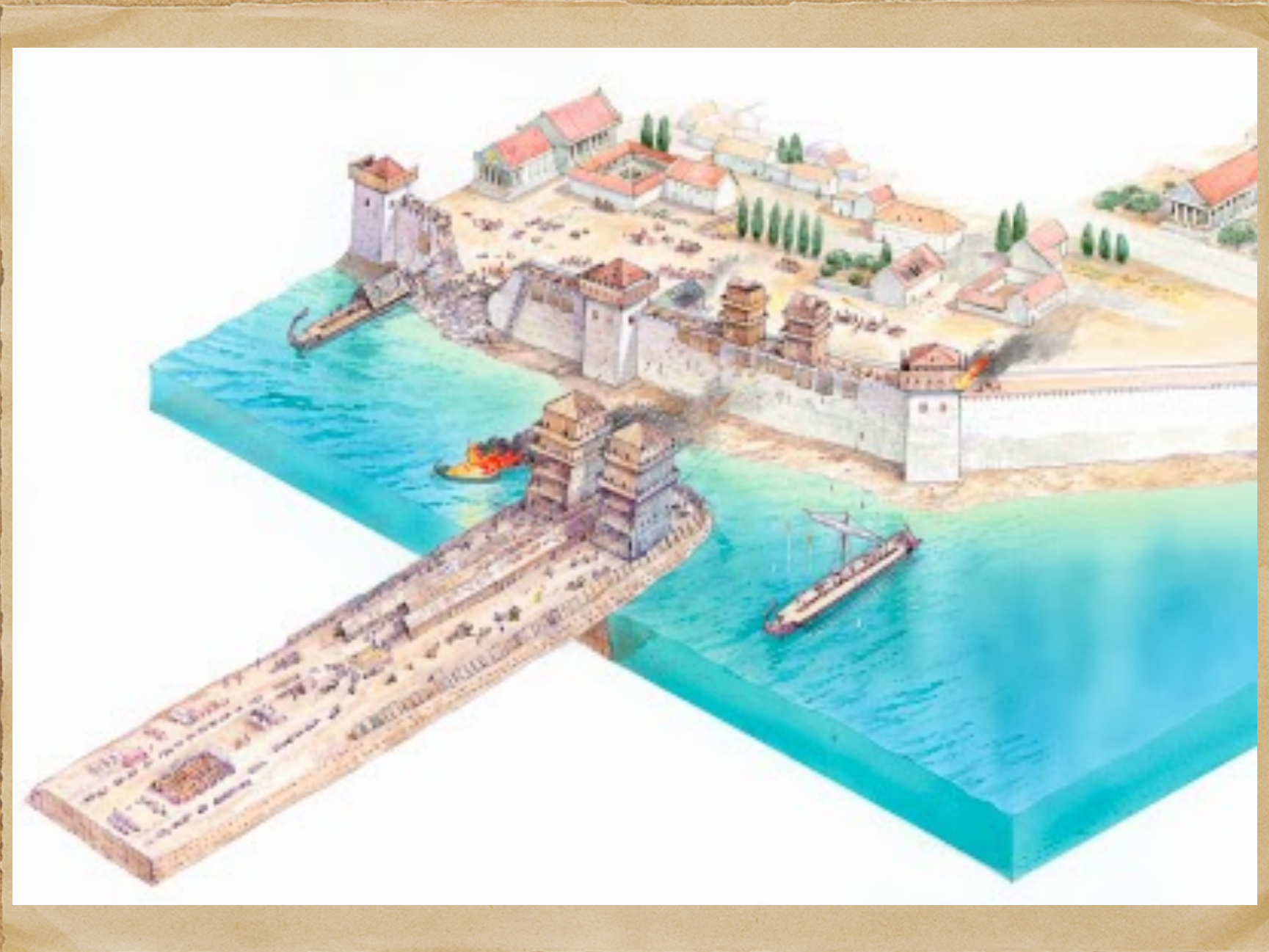


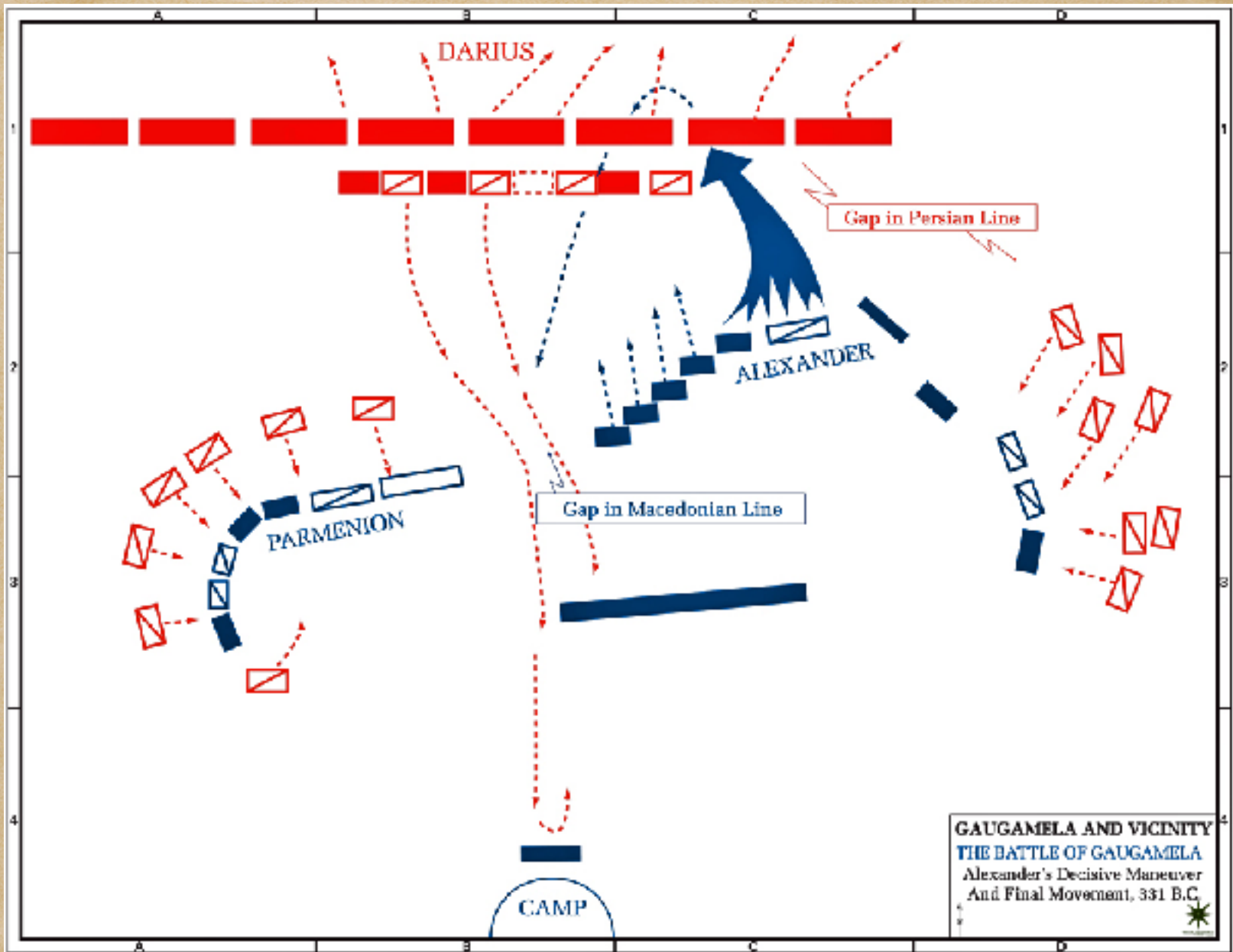


Alexander Battling Darius III at Issus
Villa in Naples

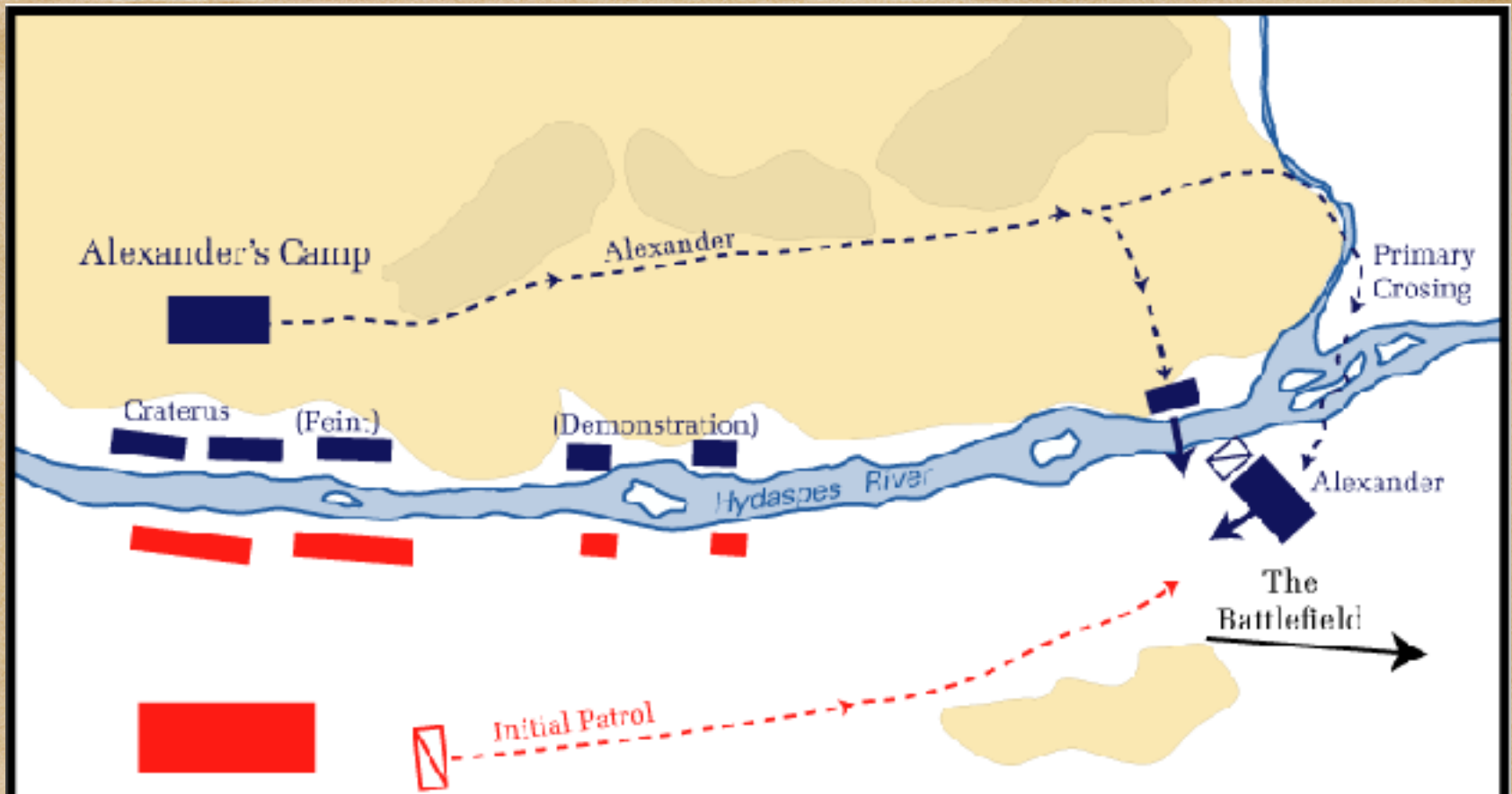


TYRE AND VICINITY
THE SIEGE OF TYRE
 November 333 B.C. - August 332 B.C.





GAUGAMELA AND VICINITY
THE BATTLE OF GAUGAMELA
 Alexander's Decisive Maneuver
 And Final Movement, 331 B.C.



BATTLE OF HYDASPES

Alexander's Crossing of the Hydaspes River and the Indians are Deceived, 326 B.C.





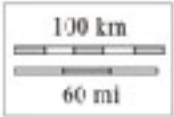
Battle
of
Hydaspes



Great King Alexander

- Frees Egypt & proclaimed Pharaoh (living god)
- Alexander takes Babylon, Susa, & Persepolis
- Crown Great King by Darius' wife (Darius killed by his men)
- Bactria, Sogdia (West China) & India, but army wants to go home
- Alexander marries Sogdian Roxanne & has an heir
- Sogdians were Turkish people in western China





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Hellenistic Empire

- Wants to create a multicultural-Hellenistic civilization
- But Macedonian & Greek armies want to go home
- Orders 10,000 Macedonian officers to marry 10,000 Asian women
- Macedonians worry Alexander is becoming too Asian
- Half army Asian & cultural lines becoming blurred
- Now demands to be worshiped as a God by all not just Asians
- Army & commanders not happy, thus plots against him but all fail
- Plans to invade North Africa, Sicily, Italy & Rome
- 323 BC he falls ill & dies in Babylon
- With no named successor his generals divided up his Kingdom

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Alexander' Empire



Multicultural Empire

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The Diadochi

Antigonids
Greece

Ptolemies
Egypt

Seleucids
Syria

Attalids
Pergamon

Alexander's Accomplishments



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