

# ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
<b>TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS</b>	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
<b>TASK 2: VOCABULARY</b>	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
<b>TASK 3: RESPOND</b>	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
<b>TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE</b>	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
<b>TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE</b>	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
<b>TASK 6: WORD SEARCH</b>	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
<b>FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)</b>	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

# TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK


**EARN THIS!**

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

war	never	three
hunt	conquer	Greece
pharaoh	Zeus	gods

Alexander the Great (Alexander III) was born to King Philip II and Queen Olympias in Macedonia, an area in northern \_\_\_\_\_. He is well known for his short reign where he became king of Macedonia, the leader of the Greeks, the overlord of Asia Minor, \_\_\_\_\_ of Egypt, and the king of Persia.

Proving himself a strong military leader, Alexander \_\_\_\_\_ lost a battle.

As a child, Alexander learned to read, write, do math, and play the lyre (a stringed instrument). In addition to academics, he also learned how to fight, ride a horse, and \_\_\_\_\_. As a child, Alexander tamed a wild horse named Bucephalus. Bucephalus was Alexander's primary horse until it died of old age. Eventually, Alexander named a city \_\_\_\_\_ to honor his horse.

By age 13, Alexander's father hired the philosopher Aristotle to tutor Alexander. In exchange for his services, Philip II restored Stageira, Aristotle's hometown. Aristotle tutored Alexander for \_\_\_\_\_ years. During this time, Alexander developed a clear preference of \_\_\_\_\_ over school.

Alexander the Great became king at the age of 20 when his father died. As a successful military commander, his armies conquered lands east of Macedonia through Asia Minor (present day Turkey) and eventually made their way to Egypt. While in Egypt, Alexander respected the Ancient Egyptian system of \_\_\_\_\_ and goddesses (deities). Eventually, Alexander was convinced that he was not the son of King Philip II but, instead, was the son of the omnipotent (having unlimited power) Greek god \_\_\_\_\_.

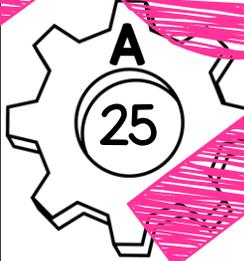
Continuing further east past Egypt, Alexander fought for Persia. It only took three years to \_\_\_\_\_ Persia. In 334 BC, Alexander defeated King Darius III of Persia at Issus. Now, Alexander III was king of the Persian Empire, from the Adriatic Sea to the Indus River. Next, he conquered Egypt and became pharaoh (king). He ruled the entire eastern Mediterranean area. He founded Alexandria

# TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



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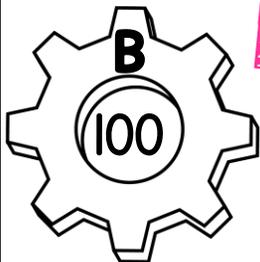
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



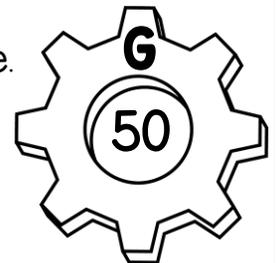
A. Alexander died in the palace of Nebuchadnezzar II in Babylon.



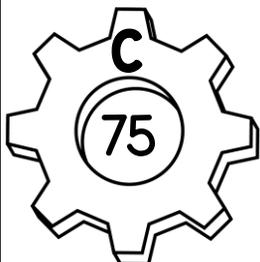
B. It took Alexander 13 years to conquer Persia.



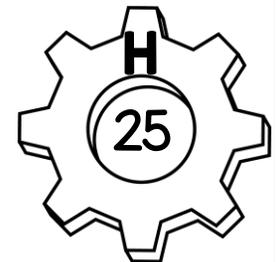
C. Alexander valued the importance of Greek culture.



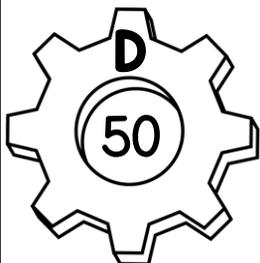
D. The Pindochi were Alexander's generals.



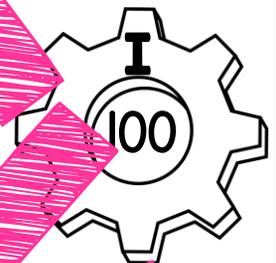
E. Aristotle tutored Alexander for five years.



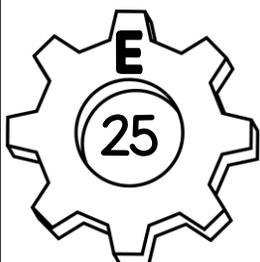
F. The lyre is a stringed instrument.



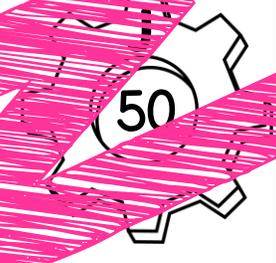
G. Alexander the Great was injured in a battle in India.



H. The city of Alexandria was near the Amazon River.



I. Alexander believed he was the son of the Greek god Hercules.



J. Alexander never lost a battle.

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

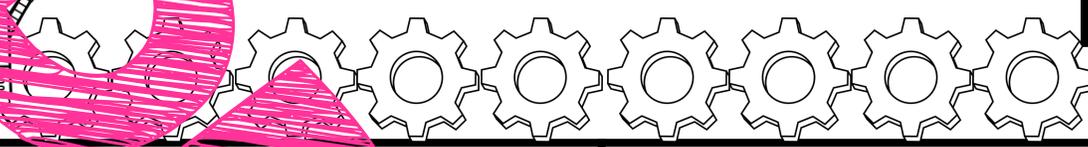
# TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. Where was Alexander the Great born?

- A. Egypt
- B. Greece
- C. India
- D. France

6. What was the capital of Persia?

- A. Susa
- B. Babylon
- C. Athens
- D. Macedon

2. Alexander the Great died before he was ever able to lead his troops into \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Germany
- B. Italy
- C. China
- D. Arabia

7. How did Alexander the Great die?

- A. Poisoned
- B. Malaria
- C. Disease
- D. No one knows for sure

3. Who tutored Alexander the Great?

- A. Socrates
- B. Plato
- C. Aristotle
- D. His father

8. In 331 BC, Alexander defeated King \_\_\_\_\_ III of Persia at Issus.

- A. Porus
- B. Darius
- C. Xerxes
- D. Charles

4. How old was Alexander when he became king?

- A. 18
- B. 20
- C. 22
- D. 24

9. The city of Alexandria was founded near which river?

- A. Danube
- B. Amazon
- C. Nile
- D. Seine

5. How long did Alexander rule for?

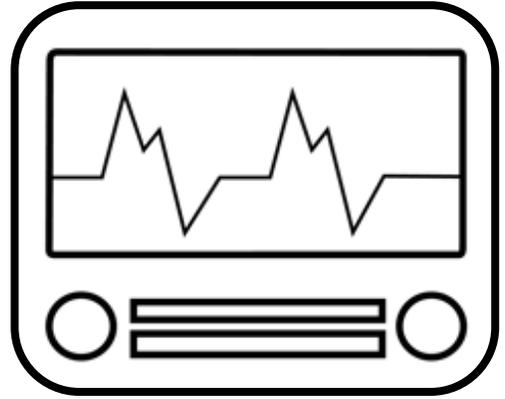
- A. 6 years
- B. 8 years
- C. 10 years
- D. 12 years

10. Alexander believed he was the son of the Greek god \_\_\_\_\_.

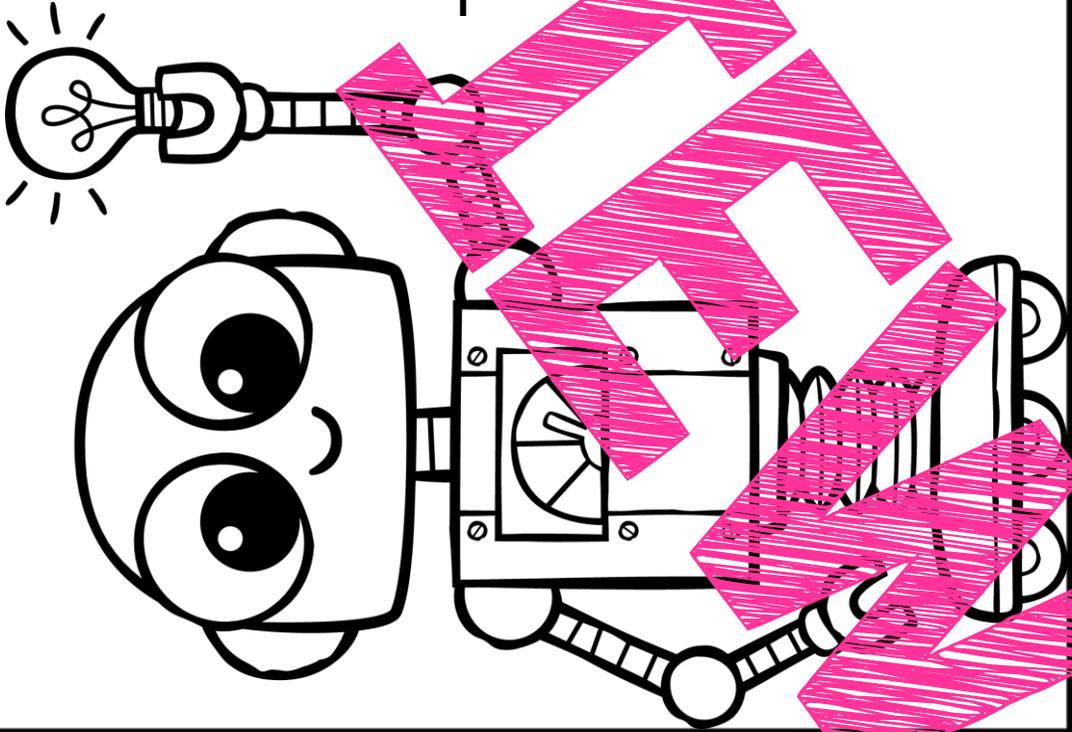
- A. Zeus
- B. Poseidon
- C. Hercules
- D. Apollo

# BOT CARDS

Complete all 6 tasks correctly, then color and assemble your robot.



# Brilliant Bot Builder



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*For successfully  
completing 6 reading  
comprehension tasks.*



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**ESCAPE  
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