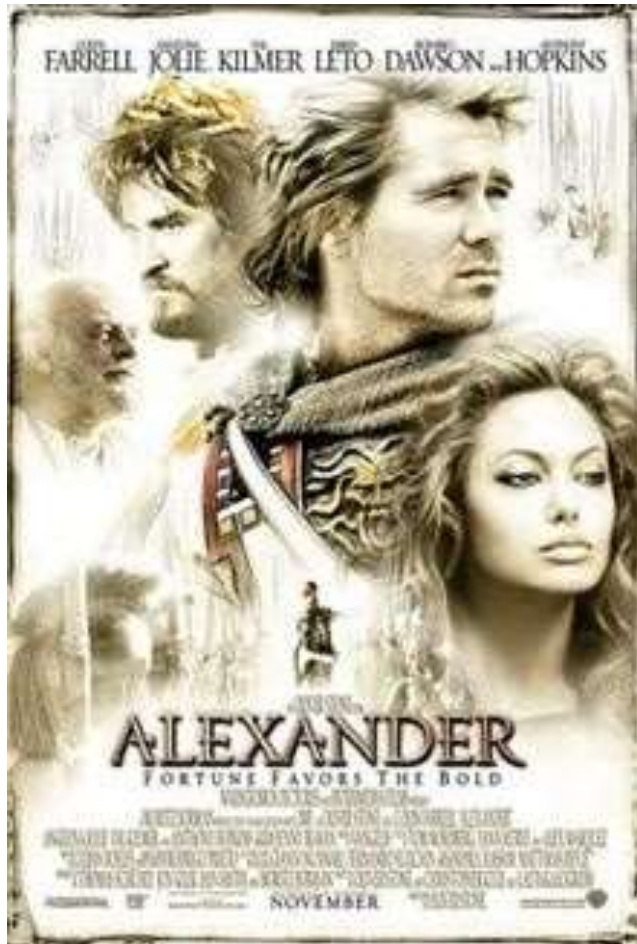


'ALEXANDER'





- It is an epic historical drama film based on the life of the Macedonian Greek general and king Alexander the Great
- It was directed by Oliver Stone
- Cast: Colin Farrell (as Alexander) - Angelina Jolie (as Queen Olympiada, his mother) - Val Kilmer (as King Philip II, his father) - Jared Leto (as Hephaisstion, his best friend) - Rosario Dawson (as Roxani, his wife) - Anthony Hopkins (as old Ptolemy) - Christopher Plummer (as Aristotle, his teacher) ... and many more

Budget: \$155 million USD
Box office: 167.3 million USD
Released: November 24, 2004
Duration: 167 min
Locations: England, Malta,
Morocco, Thailand

The film is based primarily on the biography 'Alexander the Great' by Robin Lane Fox, who was also the historical consultant to the film

The film was nominated in six categories at the Golden Raspberry Awards in 2005. It performed well in Europe, but in North America it received mostly negative reviews



THE PLOT

Oliver Stone's '*Alexander*' is based on the true story of one of history's most luminous and influential leaders, Alexander the Great - a man who had conquered 90% of the known world by the age of 27. Alexander led his invincible armies through 22,000 miles in just eight years, and by the time of his death at the age of 32 he had created an empire unlike any the world had ever seen.

The film presents Alexander's path to becoming a living legend, from a youth fueled by dreams of myth, glory and adventure to his lonely death as a ruler of a vast Empire. '*Alexander*' is the incredible story of a life that united the Known World and proved that luck favors those who are bold.

The story is narrated in flashback by Ptolemy.

INACCURACIES

- Stone turns Alexander into a character who is defined by his flaws: he is weak, indecisive, full of self-doubt
- The movie carelessly uses the word “Greek” to refer to Macedonians, when Macedonia had actually conquered Greece: Greeks fought in Alexander’s army, but were distinct from the Macedonians
- Alexander’s death seems almost certainly to have been due to illness and not poison, as the film shows
- Alexander is shown as wounded in the battle at Hydaspes, but in reality, he was wounded in India
- Important events, like the story of the Gordian knot, fail to appear
- The great Lighthouse of Alexandria was not built until after Alexander’s death
- Many events and battles are depicted at the wrong geographical places

Here are some of the movie's reviews:

- *'Enjoyable in some places, but dreadful in others. It's boring here and exciting there'* (Washington Post)
- *'A movie that has neither dramatic focus nor a single memorable performance'* (USA Today)
- *'Despite a three-hour running time Stone is too occupied with psychodrama to explore Alexander's innovations in battle'* (Chicago Reader)
- *'It is, in a word, boring'* (Austin Chronicle)

And this is the film's official trailer:



Alexander - Trailer [HD].mp4

Alexander the Great

- He was born on 27/3/356 b.c. in Pella, Macedonia
- His father was king Phillip II, and his mother was Olympiada
- His teacher was Aristotle, the great philosopher
- He loved his horse, named Voukefalas. He managed to tame this extremely wild horse at the age of 12



Alexander's expedition

- **338 b.C.** At the age of 18, Alexander becomes commander of the Macedonian army at the battle of Chaironeia, where he shows great war skills
- **336 b.C.** At the age of 20, he becomes king of Macedonia, after the assassination of his father
- **335 b.C.** Alexander fights against barbaric tribes in Northern Macedonia. After defeating them, he returns to Pella to prepare for the war against the Persians
- **334 b.C.** At the battle of Granikos river, the Persians are forced to surrender and flee. Alexander proceeds to the city Gordio. According to a local legend, whoever managed to untie the 'Gordian knot' would become ruler of Asia. Alexander just cuts it with his sword



Alexander's expedition

333 b.C. At the battle of Issos, the Persian king Darius is once again defeated. This time he flees, but his family is captured by Alexander

He marches to the north, occupying the city of Finiki, Palestine and Egypt. On the shores of Egypt, he builds the city of Alexandria

331 b.C. At the battle of Gaugamila he defeated the Persians and destroyed their army. The cities of Sousa and Persepolis, where Darius lived, are forced to surrender. Darius is assassinated by the ruler Vissos



327 b.C. Alexander heads towards India. At the city of Baktiriani he marries Roxani, the daughter of a local ruler. She gives birth to a son 2 months after Alexander's death. The boy is murdered at the age of 12 by Cassandros, one of Alexander's generals

326 b.C. Alexander fights at the river Ydaspis with king Poros and defeats him. His soldiers then convince Alexander to return

324 b.C. The Macedonians hold a celebration for the conquest of the Persian empire. In order to keep this vast empire together, Alexander is forced to marry the daughters of Darius and Artaxerxis, setting the example for his generals and soldiers

323 b.C. Alexander is ill and dies in Babylon. His empire is divided among his heirs



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