Alexander the Great and the Battle of Gaugamela

RESEARCH TASK

Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Go to the following website:**

<https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-gaugamela-reading/>   
Complete the activities below.

**BACKGROUND**

***Summarise the ‘BACKGROUND’ information below:***

Who was involved?:

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When and where did it occur?:

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Why did the battle take place?:

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What happened (including outcome)?:

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Write your summary out into a sentence, describing the background:

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**BATTLE PREPARATIONS**

***Summarise the ‘BATTLE PREPARATIONS’ below in dot-points***

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**THE BATTLE OF GAUGEMELA**

***Create 2 focus questions about the Battle of Gaugamela. Complete a page of research notes about the battle. Use the sections to help categorise your work.***

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| Focus Questions: | 1.  2. |
| RESEARCH NOTES: | |
| Evidence of impacts: |  |

**MARCH INTO PERSIA**

***Fill in the blanks below:***

As a result of his victory at Gaugamela, Alexander became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BCE just one year after his victory at Gaugamela, Alexander marched on the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which surrendered to him, allowing Alexander to enter it peacefully. He then continued on to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the main cities of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ empire.

The name Persepolis means 'City of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and it was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ city of the Persian empire. It is said that when Alexander entered Persepolis, he was so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the palace that he ordered it to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, this is not the only reason provided by ancient sources about why Alexander destroyed the city.

Other sources claim that following \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Alexander and his troops set fire to the palace as part of drinking session. It is also possible that Alexander destroyed Persepolis as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Darius burning the Greek city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ War in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BCE.

Whatever the reason, Alexander's decision to burn Persepolis had significant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Not only did he destroy one of the most magnificent buildings in the ancient world, but he also created a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ amongst the Persian people.

**DEATH OF DARIS III**

***Read the text about the Death of Darius the III. Summarise this text in 30 words using the boxes below.***

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