

The Spread of Greek Culture	
Alexander's Empire	The Hellenistic Age
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Within 11 years of becoming king, Alexander had conquered Persia, Egypt, and the lands extending beyond the Indus River in the east• Alexander established cities in the lands he conquered, such as Alexandria and Alexandropolis• In Babylon in 323 B.C., he came down with a fever and died• Within 50 years, the empire broke apart into three Hellenistic kingdoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hellenistic comes from the word Hellas—the name Greeks gave their land• Cities of the Hellenistic world were modeled after Greek cities; Greeks held the most power over local peoples• The Hellenistic city Alexandria was famous as a capital for business, trade, and learning• Alexandria had the largest library in the world• Mathematics and science flourished in Alexandria• Euclid developed geometry around 300 B.C.• Eratosthenes believed Earth was round and calculated the distance around Earth