

# The Spread of Greek Culture

## Section 3

# Intro

- King Philip of Macedonia- had Aristotle tutor his son (Alexander) in Greek teachings
- Thought of himself as Greek, spoke Greek
- Greeks didn't accept Macedonians as Greek- thought they were barbarians (wild, uncivilized people)
- Alexander's role model- Achilles

# Philip Comes to Power

- Philip had Greek ancestors- had studied in Greece
- Dreamed of using diplomacy and force to conquer Greek city-states
- United Macedonia in 359bc- formed alliances with some Greek city-states by bribes or threat
- Built an army stronger than Sparta's- took one city-state after another
- Demosthenes- master of elocution (public speaking)- tried to warn Athenians of Macedonians (see pg. 217)
- 338 bc- Athens united to Thebes to try to stop Philip- lost

# Alexander Builds an Empire

- Philip was assassinated (murder for political reasons) before he could conquer Persia- 336bc
- Alexander became king at 20
- Alexander's Conquests
  - 1<sup>st</sup> action- invade Persia- much weaker than it was, but still huge- Egypt to India
  - Began in 334bc- marched through Persia
  - Eventually reached India
  - Became known as Alexander the Great
  - Named many cities after himself
  - Died in 323bc of fever on his return to Macedonia (33 years old)