L. Alexander and the Hellenistic Age

- Disasters ushered in a new age in which Greek culture spread from the Mediterranean to the India.

- The architect of this new era was the man who would become known as Alexander the Great.

The Empire of Alexander the Great

- To the Greeks, the kingdom of Macedonia was a backward, half-civilized land. Rulers of lands were of Greek origin and kept ties to their Greek neighbors.

- Philip II lived in Thebes and admired Greek culture. He hired Aristotle as a tutor to his son Alexander.

Philip II Conquers Greece

- When Philip gained throne in 359 BC, he wanted to conquer the prosperous cities. He built a powerful army and worked with many Greek city-states.

- In 338 BC, Philip II defeated Athens & Thebes at the battle of Chaeronea. The Greece was under his control.

- Phillip was assassinated at his daughter’s wedding. Philip’s Queen, Olympias, put her son Alexander on throne.