Marathon............................................Persian navy sailed up coast and landed at the bay of Marathon, close to Athens. Athenian army blocked advance and 5 day long stalemate ensued. Greeks attacked first, flanking Persians and then turning into their center. Hoplites were more effective than Persian light infantry

Granicus...........................................Alexander attacked quickly. Feint attack was made and driven back but Alexander led his Companions through the center of the Persian line. A group of nobles tried attacking Alexander but he killed them all. The rest of the cavalry charged thro the hole and attacked the Persian rear. The flanks fled

Cannae.............................................Hannibal spread his forces into a crescent so that he could have reserve forces to deploy. Slowly, the middle retreated so that the Romans walked right into being flanked (aka pincer movement). Then, the Carthaginian cavalry attacked the Roman rear. Thus, a mosh pit of death was created as the Romans were squished together between Hannibal’s forces and cavalry in the rear

Marius’s reforms

1. Professional army w/uniforms and standard equipment
2. Standing army/drilling
3. Organization into legions, cohorts, centuries, etc.
4. Each man responsible for carrying his own supplies (less baggage)
5. Retirement benefits

Contributions of Gustavus Adolphus

1. Reemphasized the shock role of European cavalry
2. Introduced a standard caliber light musket
3. Salvo fire: 2 or 3 ranks of musketeers fired simultaneously
4. Light artillery guns that were mobile

Contributions of Frederick the Great

1. Highly disciplined army
2. Always initiated
3. Victory without battle, maneuvering for position, and a system of lines and angles of operations
4. Occupation of key geographical points

Hutier system.................................short artillery bombardments, designed to keep the heads of the frontline defenders down, with specially trained units of elite soldiers—Sturmbattalione or stormtroopers—who would creep out in the middle of the bombardment get to the edge of the enemy trench system and, when it lifted, be among the defenders before they could react. Once the frontline was cracked, larger units would move to consolidate the gains, while the stormtroopers moved deeper into the defensive system