Weiss – World
Alexander the Great

**What does it mean to be “Great”?**

***Directions: Below is a list of eight personal traits or characteristics. You have two tasks:***

**Task One: Next to each trait, write the name of a person who has that trait and has used it to achieve greatness. The person may be a historical figure or someone who is alive today.**

1. Courage
2. Intelligence
3. Creativity
4. Leadership
5. Concern for others
6. Discipline
7. Remarkable achievement
8. Integrity (standing up for what you believe in)

**Task Two: Select three traits from this list that you believe a person must have to be considered great and explain why. Be ready to discuss your choices.**

1.

2.

3.

Background Essay Questions:

1. Would Alexander have heard of Jesus? Explain.
2. How old was Alexander when he launched his invasion of the Persian Empire?
3. Why was the death of Darius important to Alexander’s conquest of Persia?
4. After eight years on the march, what caused Alexander to turn back?
5. What is the problem of a king not leaving an heir?
6. Why, 300 years after Alexander’s death, was Julius Caesar in tears?