

Alexandria (2010) Worksheet
Due Monday, December 1, 2014

Where was Alexander the Great from? When did he invade Egypt?

Was his rule accepted by the Egyptians? Why?

Who told Alexander where to found his new city?

What were the advantages of building a new city from scratch?

Why was Alexandria a good place for Galen to do his medical research?

What was unique about the ancient library at Alexandria?

Who was Hypatia? How did she die?

Timeline:

c. 331 BC foundation of Alexandria

323 BC Alexander dies; Ptolemy I Soter, his general, becomes ruler of Egypt

c. 247 BC Lighthouse built on Pharos island

after 44 BC Cleopatra VII (the last of the Ptolemaic rulers of Egypt) begins building the Caesareum in honor of Julius Caesar; it will be completed by Augustus and eventually will be converted into a Christian church

31 BC Octavian (later Augustus) defeats Antony and Cleopatra at Actium

29 BC Octavian takes Alexandria

129 AD Galen born in Pergamon

412 AD Cyril becomes patriarch of Alexandria

415 AD Hypatia murdered