

The background of the slide features a classical bust of Alexander the Great, rendered in a light, textured style. The bust is positioned centrally and slightly to the left, with its head turned towards the right. The overall color palette is muted, consisting of various shades of brown, tan, and grey, giving it an aged, parchment-like appearance.

# An Introduction to Collecting Alexander's Coins

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# Early Greek City States



# Greek City States & Colonies



# Early Coinage

- **Ionia** – Electrum (gold-silver alloy)
  - Counter-punched, “standardized” weights



- **Lydia**
  - Counter-punched, standard weights
  - Electrum & Bi-metallic standard coinage



# Communicating with Coins

- Religious
- Civic Identity
- Commercial



# Trade Coins

- Stater



Aegina



Thebes



Corinth

# Trade Coins

- Western Persia



Daric

Siglos



# Trade Coins

- Tetradrachm



Athens

Macedonia





# Alexander III of Macedon

- Born to Phillip II and Olympias
- Tutored by Aristotle
- King after assassination of Phillip II
- Won battles even when outnumbered
- Invented new military tactics
- Led from the front
- Was close with his officers and men

# Alexander III of Macedon

- Destroyed Persian Empire and created the largest empire of the ancient world
- Spread Greek language & culture throughout his empire
- Standardized the monetary system and monetized commerce
- Laid the foundation for Hellenism and Hellenistic kingdoms

# Alexander's Empire (BCE 323)

Map of the ancient Greek Empire



# Family Members



Philip II



Amyntas III



Philip II

# Stater (Gold)



Athena wearing  
Corinthian Helmet



Nike holding Wreath and  
Stylis

# Tetradrachm (Silver)



Heracles wearing Lion Skin



Zeus holding Eagle  
and Staff

# Unit (Bronze)



Heracles wearing Lion Skin



Bow, Quiver and Club

# Type Set



10, 4, 1,  
Fractions



2, 1, 1/2



2, 1, 1/2



# Posthumous Issues



Ptolemy I



Ptolemy I



Lysimachos



Lysimachos

# Imitations



Danubian Celts



Danubian Celts



Entella (Carthaginian Colony)



# References – Alexander the Great

