

*Alexander Mosaic from the House of the Faun, Pompeii*

Possibly the work of Philoxenos of Eretria. Roman Copy c. 100 BCE – Original c. 315 BCE

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**CONTENT:**

Depicts the Battle of Issus between Alexander the Great and King Darius III in c. 333 BCE.

**MATERIAL:**

Made of over half of a million mosaic tiles of 4 colors: white, yellow, red, and black.

**CONTEXT:**

Discovered in the largest house in Pompeii the House of the Faun, during excavations in 1831 in a room overlooking the house's garden.

**CONTENT:**

Shows the exact moment when King Darius realizes he has been defeated by Alexander the Great and his army.

**CONTEXT:**

Minuteness of tiles and the incredible detail, as well as the house it was found in, shows the wealth of the owners.

**COMPARE TO ANOTHER WORK:**  
Plaque of the Ergastines because this similarly shows a real event rather than anything mythological.



**CONTEXT:**

This piece is a floor mosaic which again shows the wealth of the owners of the house.

**CONTENT:**

The Battle of Issus was due to Alexander the Great's conquest for power and land as well as his father's life long desire to defeat the Persians.

**CONTEXT:**

The original artwork is yet to be found but this piece is now at the National Museum of Archaeology in Naples, Italy.

**CONTENT:**

The Battle of Issus was the very first time Alexander the Great and King Darius III battled one another.