

Chapter 4



Alexander and Porus

Let Us Begin

Think and Share

- ☆ Why should we respect even our opponents?
- ☆ What qualities make a good leader?
- ☆ Have you ever solved a difficult problem by using intelligence instead of force?

A Story of Courage and Respect

Long ago, there lived a famous ruler named **Alexander**. He was the king of Macedonia and wished to expand his empire across many lands. After winning several battles, he moved towards India with his large army.

At that time, King **Porus** ruled a part of Punjab near the **River Hydaspes** (now called the **Jhelum River**). Porus was known for his bravery, wisdom, and love for his people.

One day, a messenger arrived at Alexander's camp.

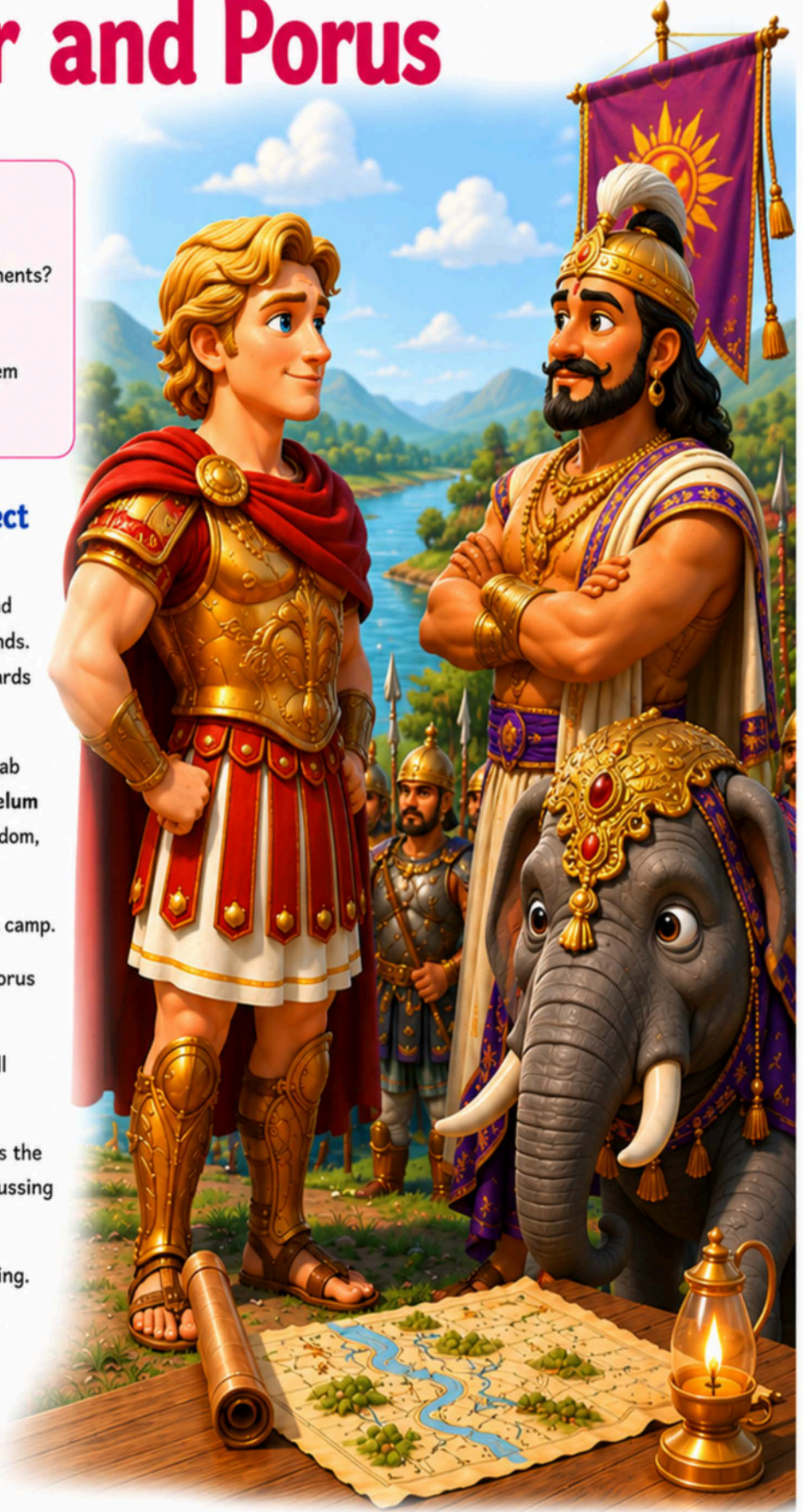
"Your Majesty," said the messenger, "King Porus has refused to surrender."

Alexander smiled and replied, "Then we shall meet him on the battlefield."

Alexander's soldiers prepared for war. Across the river, King Porus and his ministers were discussing how to protect their kingdom.

Porus said, "The river is deep and fast-flowing. It will not be easy for the enemy to cross it. Still, we must remain alert and united."

The ministers agreed. Soldiers guarded the riverbanks day and night.



Preparing for the Challenge

Alexander carefully observed the river. He knew that attacking directly would be dangerous. Therefore, he divided his army into groups and searched for a safer place to cross.

After many days, his soldiers found a narrow bend in the river hidden by thick trees.

Some soldiers were worried.

“The water is too strong,” one soldier said.

Another replied, **“Our king never gives up. He will surely find a way.”**

Alexander ordered his men to build rafts and boats. On a stormy night, the soldiers quietly crossed the river.

When **Porus** heard the news, he immediately prepared his army.

His army included:

- ★ brave soldiers,
- ★ skilled horse riders,
- ★ chariots,
- ★ and powerful war elephants.

Porus stood proudly on his elephant and encouraged his soldiers.

“Fight with courage and protect our land,” he said.



The Great Battle

Soon, a **fierce battle** began. The sound of drums, horses, and elephants filled the battlefield.

Both armies fought bravely.

Porus displayed great **courage**. Even after facing heavy losses, he continued to lead his soldiers.

Alexander was surprised by Porus's **strength and determination**.

At last, Porus was wounded and captured. He was brought before Alexander.

Although tired and injured, Porus stood with **dignity**.

Alexander asked,

“How should I treat you?”

Porus answered bravely,

“Treat me as one king treats another.”

Alexander admired his **confidence and courage**.

“You are a true warrior,” Alexander said. “A brave king deserves **honour**.”

Alexander returned Porus's kingdom and treated him with great **respect**.

Thus, the battle ended not only with **courage** but also with **wisdom, dignity, and mutual respect**.



Let Us Reflect

Oral Questions

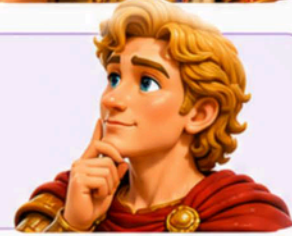
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Why was King Porus confident about defending his kingdom?



2

How did Alexander manage to cross the river?



3

What qualities of Porus impressed Alexander?



4

What lesson do we learn from this story?



Reading Comprehension

A. Answer the Following Questions

- 1 Who was Alexander?
- 2 Why did Alexander come to India?
- 3 What preparations did Porus make for battle?
- 4 Why were Alexander's soldiers worried?
- 5 How did Alexander show respect towards Porus?



B. Think and Answer

- 1 Do you think courage is more important than strength? Why?



- 2 How can disagreements be solved peacefully today?



- 3 What leadership qualities would you like to learn from Porus and Alexander?



Moral Values and Lessons

Moral Values



Courage: Both Alexander and Porus showed great courage in the battle.



Determination: Porus never gave up and fought till the end.



Respect: Alexander respected Porus for his bravery and treated him with honour.



Leadership: Both kings led their armies with wisdom and inspired their soldiers.



Dignity: Porus showed dignity even after being defeated.



Key Takeaways

- ★ Great leaders are not only strong in battle but also kind in victory.
- ★ Respecting others brings peace and creates lasting bonds.
- ★ Courage and determination help us face any challenge in life.
- ★ Treating others with dignity and respect is a true sign of greatness.
- ★ Wisdom and compassion make a leader truly unforgettable.



This story teaches us that true victory lies not in defeating others, but in earning their respect and building a better world.



Word Meanings and Activities

A. Word Meanings

1. **Fierce** – Very strong and aggressive
2. **Determination** – The quality of never giving up
3. **Dignity** – Being calm and respectful, even in difficult times
4. **Respect** – Treating someone with kindness and honour
5. **Courage** – Facing danger without fear
6. **Honour** – Great respect and admiration for someone



B. Fill in the Blanks

1. Alexander carefully observed the _____ before crossing it.
2. Porus showed great _____ even after being defeated.
3. Great leaders always treat others with _____.
4. _____ and _____ helped both kings achieve success.
5. The story teaches us the value of _____ and compassion.



C. True or False

1. Alexander attacked the kingdom without any plan.
2. Porus never gave up and fought bravely.
3. Alexander treated Porus with respect.
4. Courage and determination are not important in life.
5. The battle ended with peace and mutual respect.

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D. Think and Answer

- ★ 1. What qualities do you think made Alexander a great leader?
- ★ 2. How do you think Porus earned Alexander's respect?
- ★ 3. What can we learn from this story to become better people?
- ★ 4. How can we show dignity and respect in our daily lives?



Fun Time Activities

A. Match the Columns

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|--------------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Alexander | • | • | Great bravery |
| 2. Porus | • | • | Strong determination |
| 3. Battle | • | • | Treating others with honour |
| 4. Courage | • | • | A brave king of India |
| 5. Respect | • | • | A great leader |



B. Unscramble the Words

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| 1. ROUCAE - _____ | 4. DETMRINATION - _____ |
| 2. RSPECT - _____ | 5. HONORU - _____ |
| 3. DNIGITY - _____ | |



C. Arrange the Events in the Correct Order

- Porus was captured and brought before Alexander.
- Alexander admired Porus's courage and respected him.
- The great battle between Alexander and Porus took place.
- Alexander and Porus treated each other with great respect.
- Porus answered wisely, "Treat me as one king treats another."



D. Draw and Colour

Draw a picture of Alexander and Porus shaking hands after the battle.



Moral of the Story

True greatness lies not in defeating others, but in earning their respect and hearts.



Let's Review!

A. Choose the Correct Answer

1. Who was the king of Persia?
a) Darius b) Porus **c) Alexander** d) Xerxes
2. What did Alexander do after winning the battle?
a) He destroyed Porus's kingdom
b) He made Porus his friend and respected him
c) He took all of Porus's treasures
d) He went back to Greece immediately
3. Which quality did Porus show in the battle?
a) Fear b) Cowardice **c) Courage** d) Greed
4. What is the main lesson of the story?
a) Always win at any cost
b) Respect and kindness are the true signs of greatness
c) Power is more important than honour
d) Never make new friends



B. Fill in the Blanks

1. Alexander was a great _____.
2. King Porus showed great _____ in the battle.
3. After the battle, Alexander treated Porus with _____.
4. Porus said, "Treat me as one king treats another," which showed his great _____.
5. The story teaches us the value of _____ and honour.

C. Match the Following

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|--------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1. Alexander | • • | Bravery in danger |
| 2. Porus | • • | Treating others with honour |
| 3. Battle | • • | Great leader of Macedonia |
| 4. Courage | • • | Between two great kings |
| 5. Respect | • • | King of India |

D. Answer the Following Questions

- ★ 1. Why did Alexander attack India?
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- ★ 2. How did Porus fight against Alexander?
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- ★ 3. What did Alexander say to Porus after the battle?
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- ★ 4. What do you learn from the behaviour of Alexander and Porus?
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- ★ 5. How can we show respect in our daily life?
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Remember



Great leaders win hearts, not just battles.
Respect, courage and kindness make the world a better place.





Let's Test What We've Learnt!



A. Tick (✓) the Correct Option

- Alexander was the king of _____.
 a) India b) Persia c) Greece d) Egypt
- Porus fought bravely even when he was _____.
 a) Happy b) Defeated c) Angry d) Tired
- What did Alexander do after the battle?
 a) He punished Porus
 b) He became Porus's friend
 c) He stole his kingdom
 d) He ignored him
- What is the main message of the story?
 a) Always win at any cost
 b) Treat others with respect and kindness
 c) Power is the most important thing
 d) Never trust anyone



B. Fill in the Blanks

- Alexander wanted to expand his _____.
- King Porus ruled over the region of _____.
- Porus said, "Treat me as one king treats _____."
- Alexander respected Porus for his great _____.
- The story teaches us the value of _____ and _____.

C. Match the Following

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|--------------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Alexander | • | • | Fought bravely |
| 2. Porus | • | • | Between two kings |
| 3. Courage | • | • | Treating others with honour |
| 4. Respect | • | • | King of Macedonia |
| 5. Battle | • | • | Facing danger without fear |

D. Short Answer Questions

- Why did Alexander come to India?

- How did Porus show his courage in the battle?

- What did Alexander learn from King Porus?

- How can we show respect in our daily life?



Think Big!



Great leaders are remembered not for their power, but for their kindness, respect and the hearts they win.





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- What is the main lesson of the story?
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b) **Respect and kindness are the true signs of greatness**
c) Power is more important than honour
d) Never make new friends

B. Fill in the Blanks



- Alexander wanted to expand his _____.
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- Alexander respected Porus for his great _____.
- The story teaches us the value of _____ and _____.

C. Match the Following

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|--------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Alexander | • | • | Treating others with honour |
| 2. Porus | • | • | Between two great kings |
| 3. Courage | • | • | King of Macedonia |
| 4. Respect | • | • | Fought bravely |
| 5. Battle | • | • | Great quality shown by Porus |

D. Short Answer Questions

- Why did Alexander come to India?
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- How did Porus fight against Alexander?
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- What did Alexander learn from King Porus?
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- How can we show respect in our daily life?
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Remember

True leaders are remembered not for their might, but for their **respect, kindness and noble heart.**

