V. **The Three Empires**

1. Empire divided → *Alex.'s:* (*"diadochi"* = successors)
   
   a. Preserve for future king → *Alex.'s:
   b. Guarantee Empire → *stay:*

2. By *300 BC* → 3 smaller empires → *generals:*
   
   a. Greece/Macedonia: *Antigonus* → *Antigonid Dynasty*
      
      1) Eventually control →
   
   b. Mesopotamia/ME: *Seleucus I* → *Seleucid Dynasty*
   c. Egypt: *Ptolemy I* → *Ptolemid Dynasty*
      
      1) *Maintained* → Greek culture & learning.
      2) *Adopted* → customs of Egypt.

   d. Fought w/ each other.
   e. Each believed → *rightful:*

VI. **Alexander’s Hellenistic World**

1. *Very* prosperous → ↑ wealth (Pers. Emp.) → ↑ *SofL*
   
   a. Building projects
   b. Scholarships
   c. Patronage of arts, lit., & phil.

2. *1st* → Intl. culture
   
   b. “*Hellenization*” → *primarily in:*

3. Began to accept → *Monarchy* (gov't.)
4. Held territory almost 3 centuries → *fall under control of:***