

## Introduction

We would like the world to be a peaceful place.  
But people will always have differences of opinion.  
Arguments can follow and then - in the worst cases -  
armed **conflict** can break out.

An army from southern Europe led by Alexander the Great fights against the Persians to win control of Asia in 333 ac.

That's a  
huge battle!

This is a book about big  
conflicts in the past: wars  
between people from different  
parts of the world. In most  
of these wars, the two sides  
fought for control of certain  
lands or countries. Then the  
winners could rule over the  
losers and take the losers'  
wealth for themselves.



Alexander the Great (356-323 ac) was a Greek king  
who had one of the largest **empires** in history.

## Trying to limit the damage

Once wars start, it is hard  
to stop them getting out of  
control. In the past, people  
have tried to limit the damage  
done by war by putting rules  
in place. Read on to find out  
how knights were supposed  
to behave ...

**Medieval** knights were the  
top warriors of their time.

