

Civilizations of the Ancient World
SPRING 2025

MEETING 17

The Persian Menace

- Athenian democracy
- The Persian threat
- The Persian Wars
- Hegemony

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Upcoming dates

- Tuesday, April 15
Thursday, April 17 No class meeting (Spring Break)
- Monday, April 28 *Clouds* Essay due via BlackBoard
- Monday, May 12 Images Essay due via BlackBoard
- Sunday, April 6 Post your Week 10 responses

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Four things today

- 1 Athenian democracy
- 2 The Persian threat
- 3 The Persian Wars
- 4 Hegemony

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Athenian Democracy

- Citizen Assembly *ekklesia*
 - Quorum of 6,000
 - Legislation, election, decrees, trials

- Council of 500 *boulē*
 - Prepares measures for the Assembly
 - Executes will of Assembly (administration)
 - Chosen by lot

- Archons *archontes*
 - Chosen by lot

- Military magistrates *strategoi*
 - Elected by Assembly

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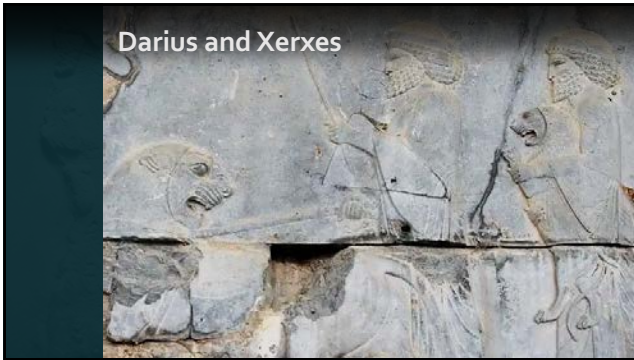
Democracy



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The Persian threat

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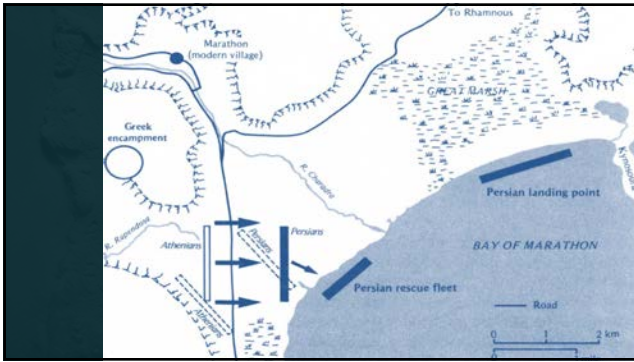


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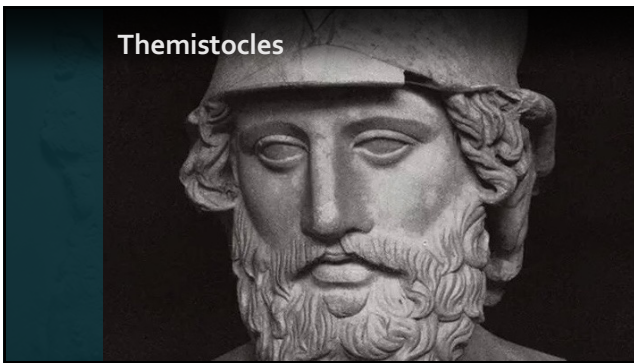
Wars with Persia

- Ionian rebellion 499 BCE
- Darius's invasion 490
 - Battle of Marathon
- Xerxes's invasion 480
 - Battle of Thermopylae
 - Battle of Salamis
 - Battle of Plataea

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Themistocles

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Triremes

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Battle of Salamis



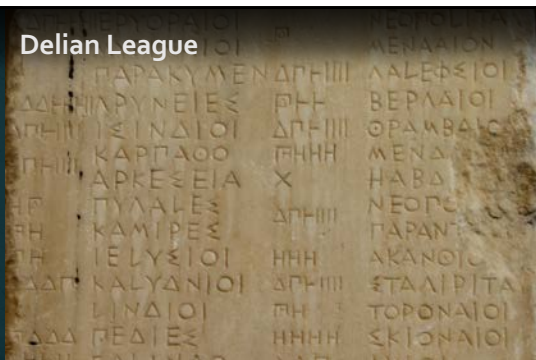
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Hegemony



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Delian League



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