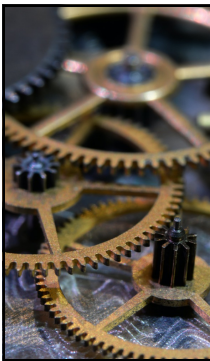




Wars Between the Greeks

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Upcoming Dates

- Monday, November 17
Clouds Essay Due
- Monday, December 8
Images Essay Due
- Sunday, November 9
Responses for Week 11 Due

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Four things today

- The Persian Invasion
- Conflicting Greek ideals
- The undeclared war
- The Peloponnesian War

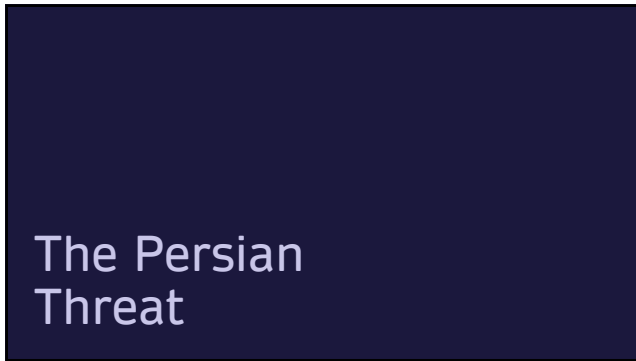
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Questions about whatever



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The Persian Threat



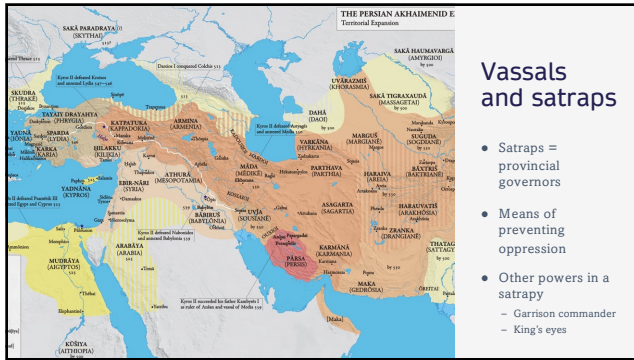
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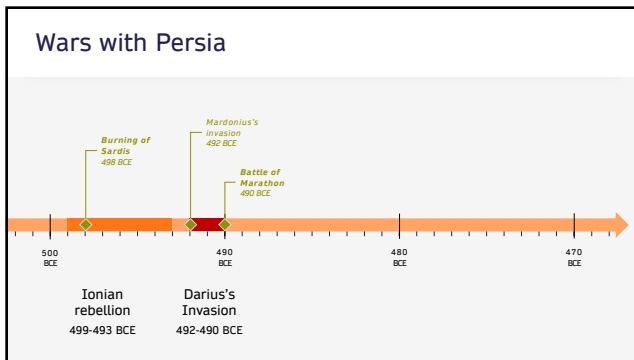
Darius and Xerxes

- Systems and institutions, not personal rule
 - Civil service
 - Infrastructure
- Continuity and stability across reigns

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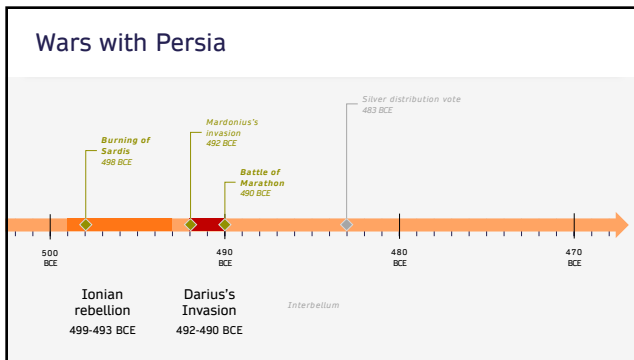
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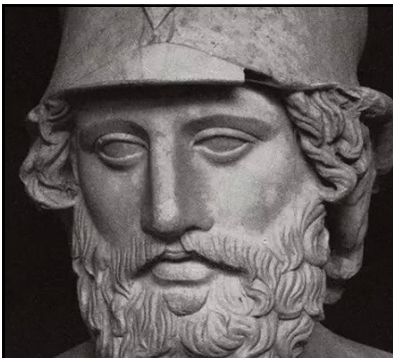
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Themistocles

- Knows Persia will invade again
- Silver windfall enriches Athens
- Themistocles persuades voters to invest in 200 ships of war

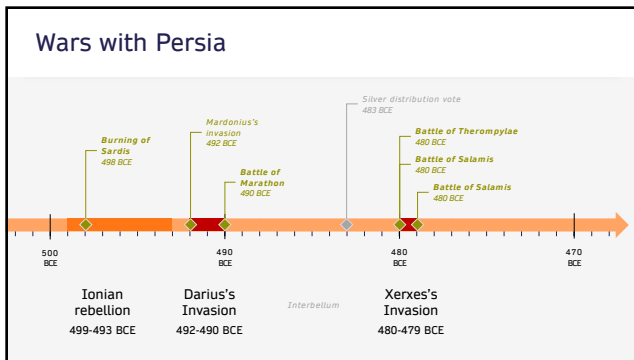
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Triremes

- Huge innovation in naval warfare
- Naval battles rely on ramming to destroy enemy vessels
- Triremes faster and more nimble
- 30 rows of oars
 - Muscle power of 180 men
 - Secret high-tension cables to brace ship when ramming

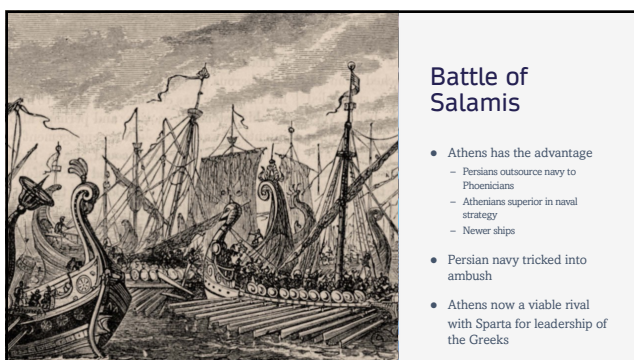
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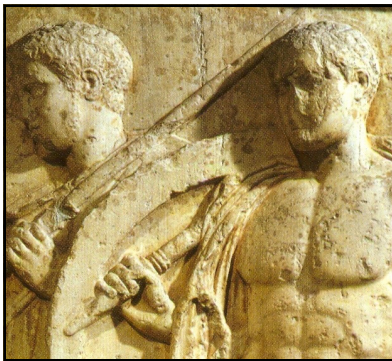
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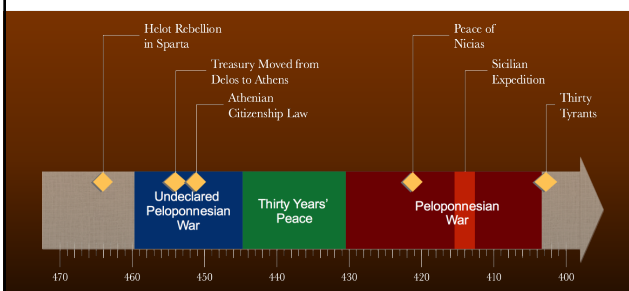


The Peloponnesian Wars

- Two or three wars
- Several parallel conflicts
- The name of the war

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Timeline: Peloponnesian Wars



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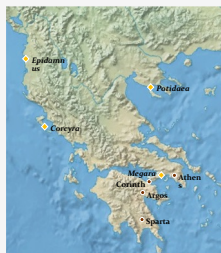
The Thirty Years' Peace

- Neither side interferes with allies of the other
- Neutrals free to join either side
- Arbitration of disagreements
- No one can switch sides
- Sparta and Athens can use force within their alliances

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Breakdown of the Peace

- Epidamnus and Corcyra
- Potidaean Ultimatum
- Megaran Decrees



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Corinth appeals to Sparta

- Corinth is allied with Sparta
- Corinth declares war
- Demands Sparta join them in doing so
- Sparta reluctant

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Strengths and weaknesses



Athens and allies

- Wealth
- Undisputed advantage at sea
 - Number and quality of ships
 - Training



Sparta and allies

- Undisputed advantage in infantry
 - Number and quality of troops
 - Training

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Perikles's strategy

- Sparta has the advantage on land
- Athens can't be besieged (because of the Long Walls)
- Bring everyone inside the walls of Athens

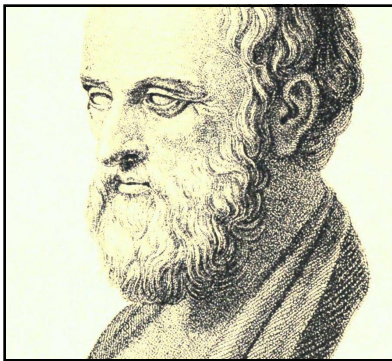
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The Plague at Athens

- Ancient cities are not meant to hold large populations
- Human and animal waste, no major river
- Killed ~75,000 to 100,000 people, ~25% of the population
- Economic and military disaster
 - Massive loss of manpower for war and labor
 - Many key figures killed including Pericles
 - Disillusionment with the gods and morality
 - Population polarized over the war

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Peace of Nikias

- Kleon and Brasidas both die
- Nikias leads pro-peace faction
- Nikias arranges a truce
 - Athenians give up captured bases
 - Sparta gives up Athenian ex-allies
 - Megara and Corinth reject treaty

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Alkibiades

- Popular and sexy
- Leader of the faction demanding defeat of Sparta
- Proposes bold expansion of war to Sicily
- Violation of the herms

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The Sicilian Expedition

- Expedition to create a second front in Sicily
 - 200 triremes
 - ~15,000 troops
- Disastrous leadership
- Disastrous tactics
- Troops and ships all lost

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Decelea

- Alkibiades defects to Sparta
- Advises creation of permanent Spartan base in Attica
- Minor part of Sparta's end game to win war

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Battle of Aegospotami

- Athens must be defeated by sea
- Sparta must hire a navy
- Persia agrees...
- ...in exchange for Ionia and Caria

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Post-war Athens

- Abolition of democracy
- Thirty Tyrants
- Damage to Athens
 - Loss of many men and women
 - Rancor and disillusionment
 - Huge economic cost and loss of resources
- Trial of Socrates

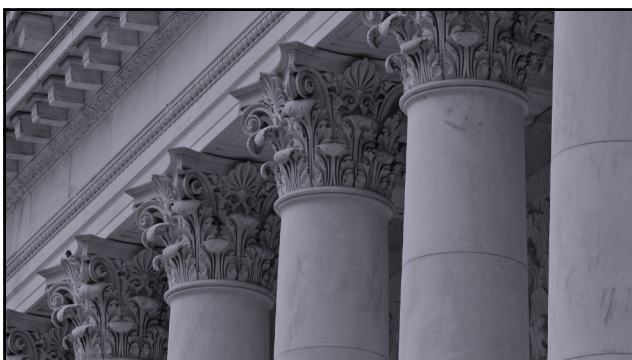
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Fourth Century Crisis

- Peloponnesian War solves nothing
- Followed by more decades of war

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