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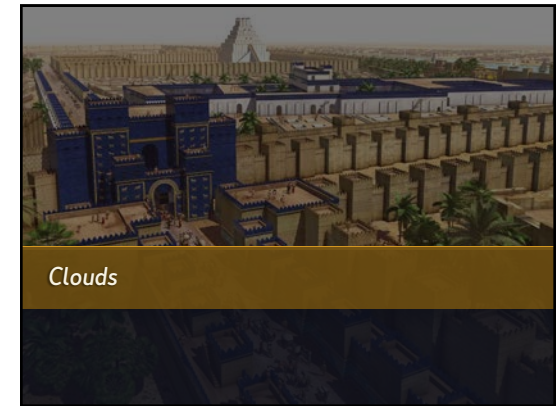
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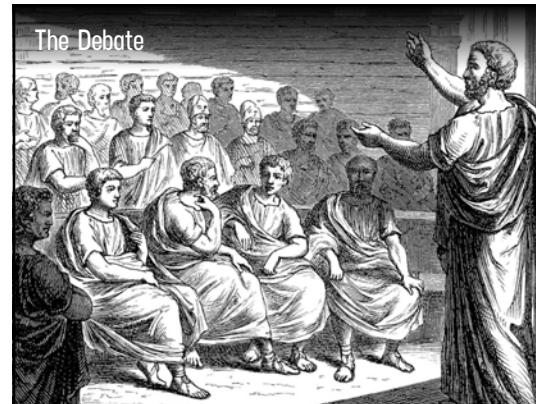
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**Nomos vs. physis**

**Nomos (convention)**

- Is morality merely arbitrarily dictated by society?
- Protagoras: "Man is the measure of all things"

**Physis (nature)**

- Is there a higher sanction to be found in something else, like the natural world?
- A search for ways to identify natural laws of morality and justice—universal truths

**As a traditionalist, Aristophanes rejects both and targets both in Clouds**

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### Old vs. New in *The Clouds*

Morality	Amorality
Tradition (gods, festivals, rituals)	Novelty (intellectualism, materialism)
Country life (Strepsiades's origins)	City life (Pheidippides)
Lower class (peasantry)	Upper class (aristocracy)
Agriculture (honest labor)	Political skills, rhetoric
Outdoor life (health, physical strength)	Indoor life (pallor, the Thinkery)
Hard physical work	Idleness and up-in-the-air nebulosities
Physical exercise	Mental exercise
Peasant rascality and vulgarism	Sophistic intricacy and deception
Cloud Chorus (tradition and nature)	Cloud Chorus (deities of "Socrates")

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### The *Clouds* Essay



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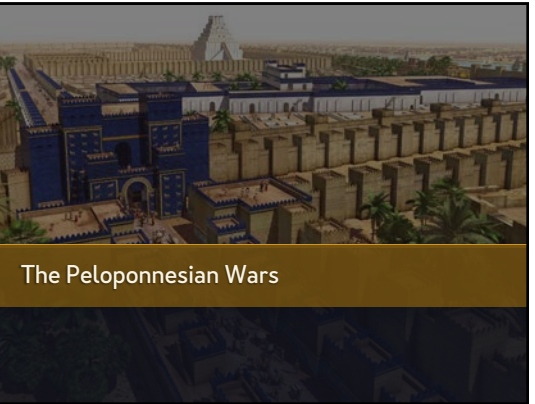
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### The Peloponnesian Wars

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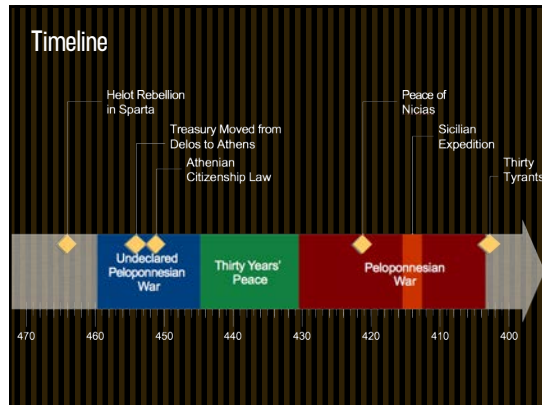
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## The Peloponnesian War – Basic Questions

- What is the Peloponnesian War about?
- Who should be blamed for the war?
- Why did the war last so long?
- What did Athens do to lose the war?
- What to Sparta do to win the war?

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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

- Athenian Expansion
- Epidamnus and Corcyra
- Potidaean Ultimatum
- Megaran Decrees

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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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## Pericles's strategy



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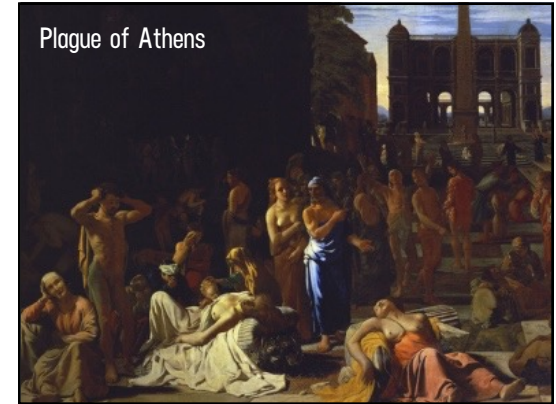
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## Plague of Athens



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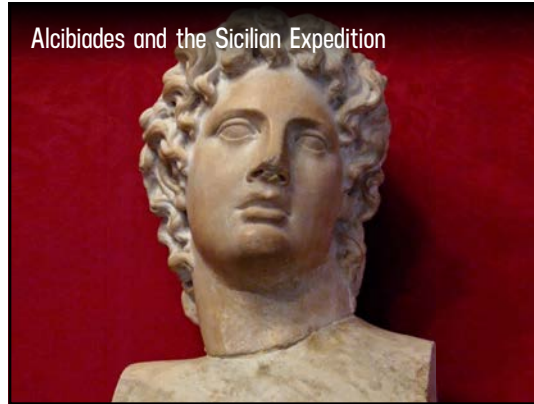
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### Peace of Nicias

- Athenians give up captured bases
- Sparta gives up Athenian ex-allies
- Megara and Corinth reject treaty

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### Alcibiades and the Sicilian Expedition



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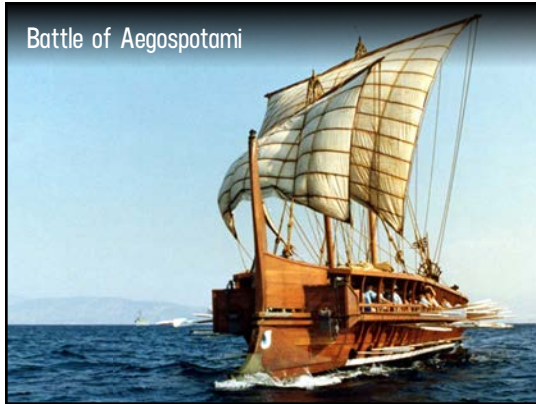
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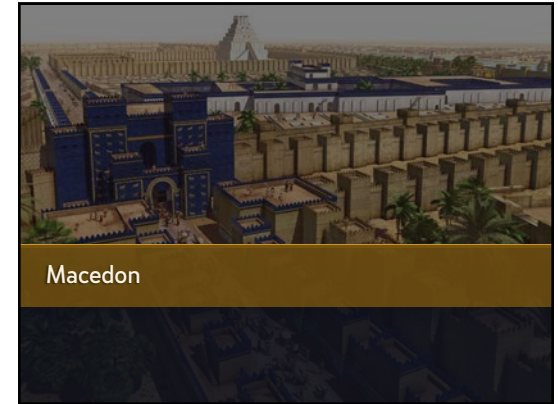
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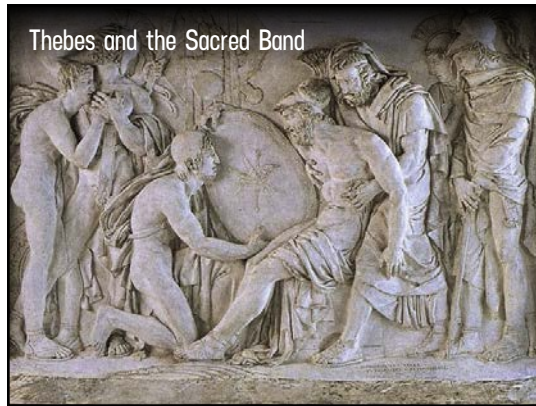
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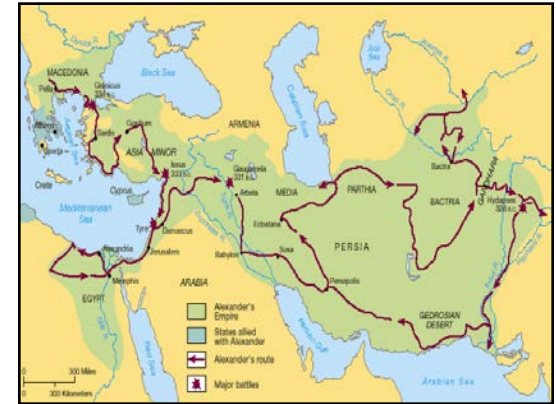
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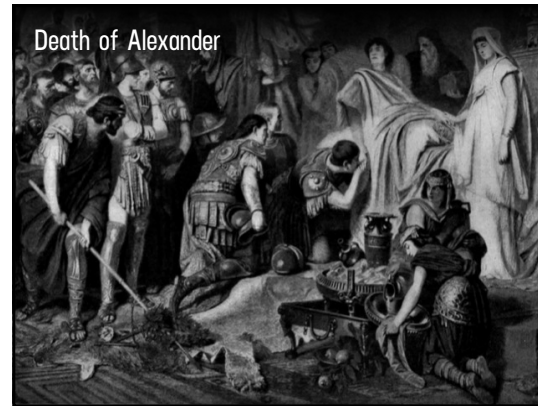
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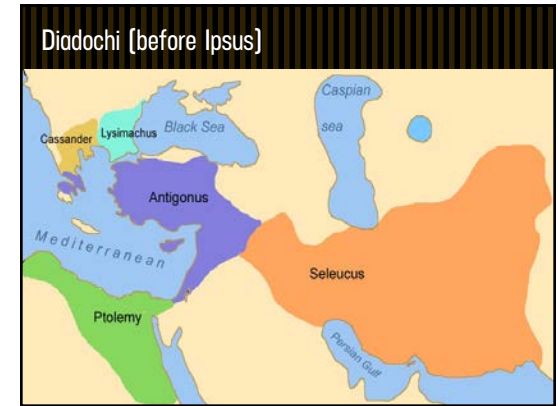
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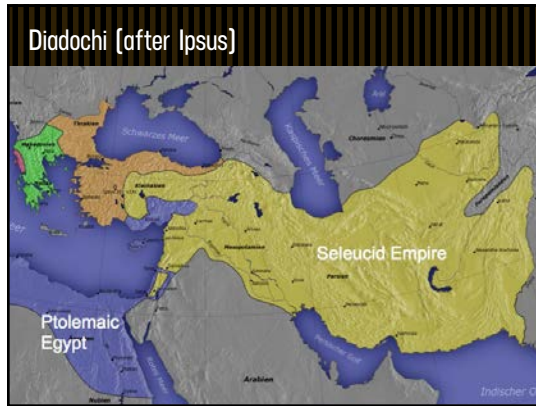
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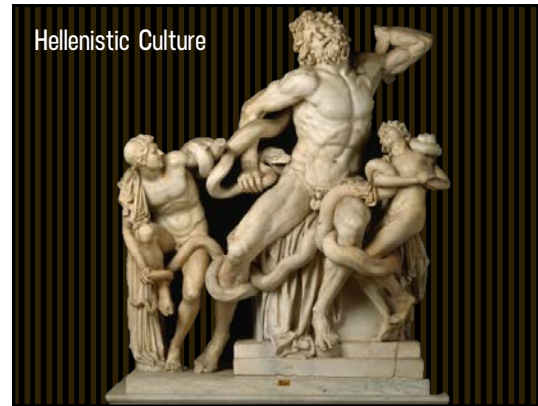
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