

Athens and Sparta

Section 2



Spartan Legend

- Boy stood in line with his peers holding stomach
- Trainer approached- “What’s wrong with you? You sick? You tryin to get outta sword practice?”
- Trainer tugged cloak- fox fell out and ran to woods
- Boy was shredded with cuts from fox- later died
- Considered to have true character- did not flinch in pain



Living in Sparta

- Harsh and cruel- people were tough, silent, and grim
- 600s bc- war in/out of city changed the way people lived- became a powerful war machine
- “always put the city’s needs above your own”
- conquered surrounding lands- turned them into helots (slaves owned by Sparta)
 - Did all the farm work
 - Allowed Spartans to war
 - Helots outnumbered Spartans-
 - Spartans kept helots afraid of them



Growing Up in Sparta



- Growing Up Male
 - Boy left home at 7- moved to barracks to train- continued until 20
 - Trained with sword and spear, one cloak to wear, slept on thin mat, barely enough food
 - Urged to steal- thought it made boys tough
 - If caught, punished
 - Expected to bare pain in silence
 - At 20, men became a soldier until the age of 60
 - At 30, became a member of the council (all male citizens born in Sparta)
 - Approved decisions of elders who were advisors to king

Growing Up in Sparta

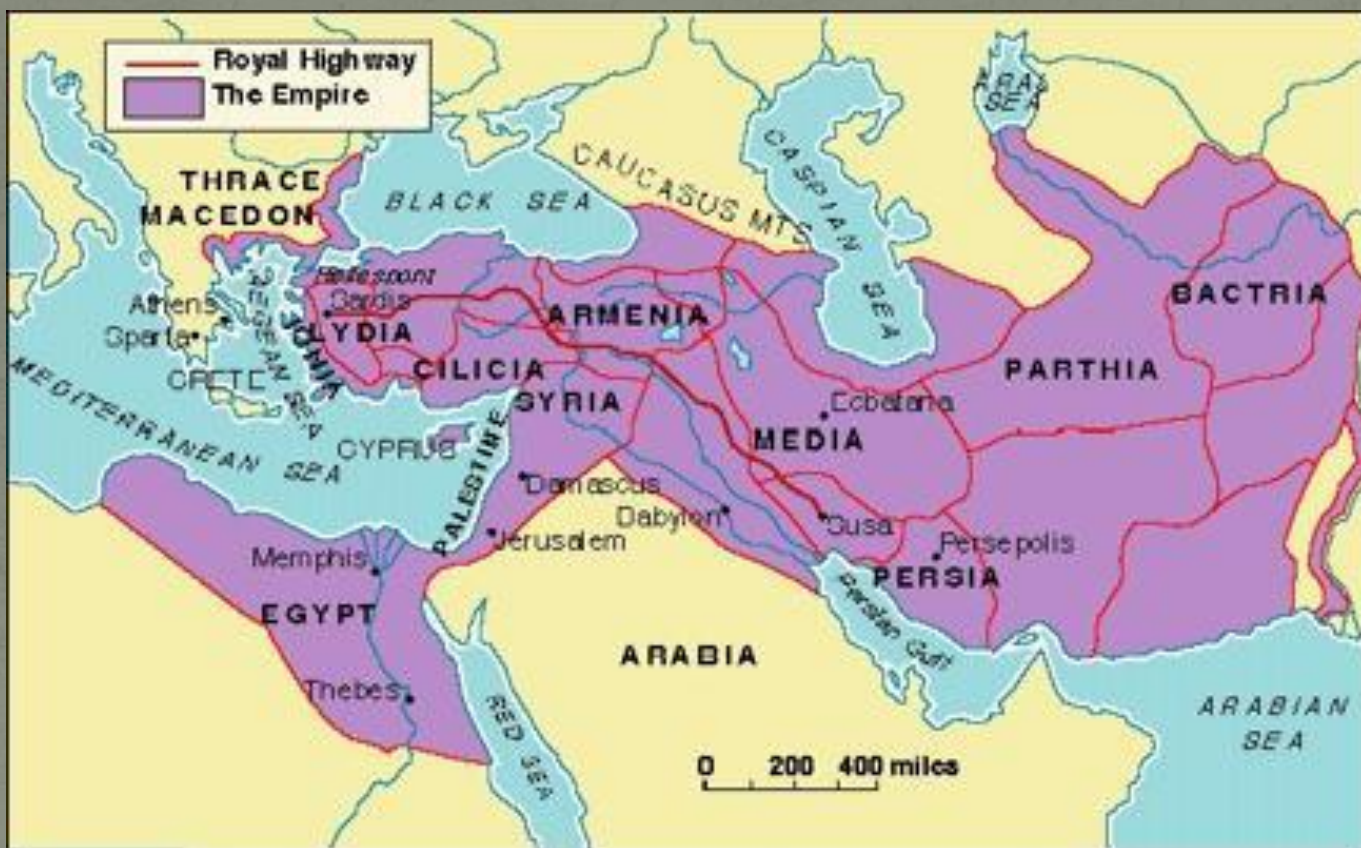
- Growing Up Female
 - Also trained in wrestling and spear throwing- not be soldiers
 - Believed strong women would have strong babies
 - Women were allowed to own land and take part in business
 - Still had to obey men



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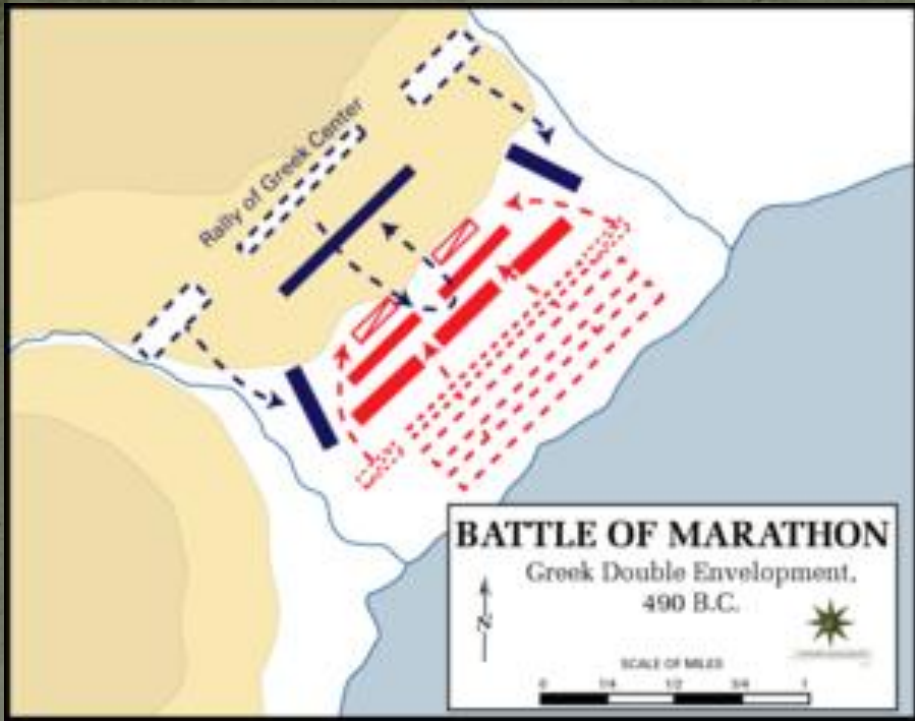
- Spartan Attitudes
 - Didn't mingle with Greeks
 - Not allowed to travel
 - Looked down on wealth and art
 - Cared only for war and making Sparta stronger





The Persians Invade

- The Expanding Persian Empire
 - Mid-500s bc, founded by Cyrus the Great
 - By 520bc- Persian control extended to western Asia Minor- coastal Greek colonies
- Battle at Marathon
 - Fall of 490bc- Persians landed in Greece- gathered at Marathon- 26.2 miles North of Athens
 - Athenians put together an army- outnumbered by Persians 2 to 1
 - After a standoff, Athenians rushed the Persians and overwhelmed them- Nike!



Conflict and the Athenian Empire

- Battles with Persia continued- Greeks stayed united- felt the gods favored them
- Athens became the most powerful city-state
- Formed the Delian League with other city-states
 - Kept treasury
 - Athens treated other city-states like subjects- created their own empire
- The years after the Persian Wars marked the Golden Age of Athens



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Sparta and Athens at War

- Athens- a little hypocritical- furthering democracy in the city, but forcing tribute from others
- Used Delian League money to build Parthenon and other Athenian projects
- The Peloponnesian War
 - To counter Delian League, Sparta formed the Peloponnesian League (after Peloponnesus)
 - 431 bc- war broke out between Sparta and Athens and their allies





- Major Cities
- Athenian League
- Spartan Allies

Athenian League & Peloponnesian War
in 435 BCE

Sparta and Athens at War

- Sparta had geographical advantage
- Sparta attacked Athens, Pericles moved people from countryside inside city walls
- Overcrowding leads to plague (widespread disease)- killed 1/3 of population over five years including Pericles- power struggle to replace him

Sparta and Athens at War

- The Fall of Athens
 - Athens was nearly ruined from plague
 - Then, Sparta allied with Persia- wanted naval advantage
 - 405bc- blockaded Athens (isolate an enemy and cut off supplies)
 - 404bc- Athens surrendered- Sparta knocked down Athenian walls, destroyed the empire