



Fighting the Persian Wars

What factors influenced the outcome of the Persian wars?

P R E V I E W

Silently read the paragraph below as you listen to a recording of it. Then complete the chart by listing the strengths and weaknesses of each fictional basketball team.

<p>Hello, sports fans!</p> <p>Here we are at Miles Pavilion to watch the Wildcats take on the Lions in this championship basketball game. To be honest with you, folks, I don't see how the Wildcats have a chance, and I'm afraid this game is going to be a real blowout. The Lions have a tremendously strong coach, and don't forget that great Lions' captain who is so respected by the team. Check out those great uniforms. The Lions' sponsors certainly shower the team with everything they need. The Wildcats are really outmatched. They don't even have a coach! It's really sad to see the way the team members are constantly fighting with each other. Just look, folks, at the shabby way the team is dressed. Why, I even see one member who doesn't have shoes. This team certainly doesn't have any money. Well, who do you think will win this game?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Lions</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Strengths:</p> <p>Weaknesses:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wildcats</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Strengths:</p> <p>Weaknesses:</p>

READING NOTES

Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

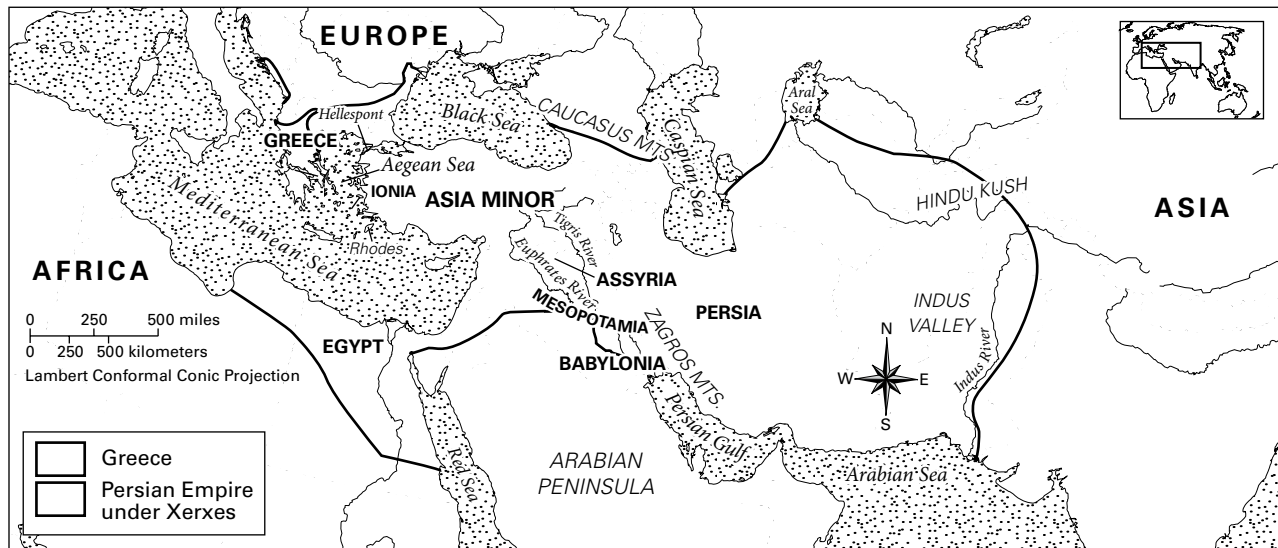
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| Persian Empire | Persian wars | Xerxes |
| Darius | cavalry | Hellespont |

Section 2

Use the map in Section 1 to complete item 1 below. Then read Section 2 and answer the remaining questions.

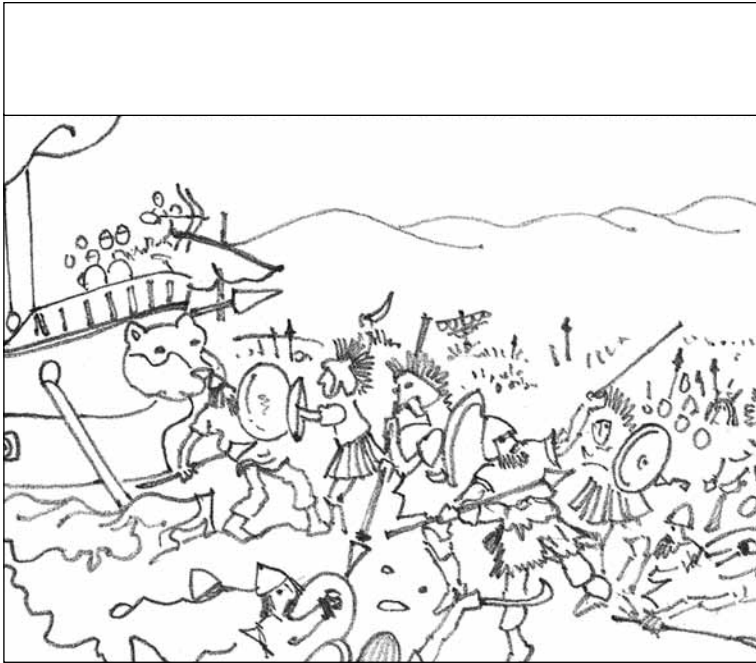
- Color in the Persian Empire on the map and key below. Then use a different color for Greece.

The Persian Empire



- How did the Persians build their empire?
- How did King Darius rule the Persian Empire?
- What happened during the Ionian Revolt, and why was it important?

Section 3

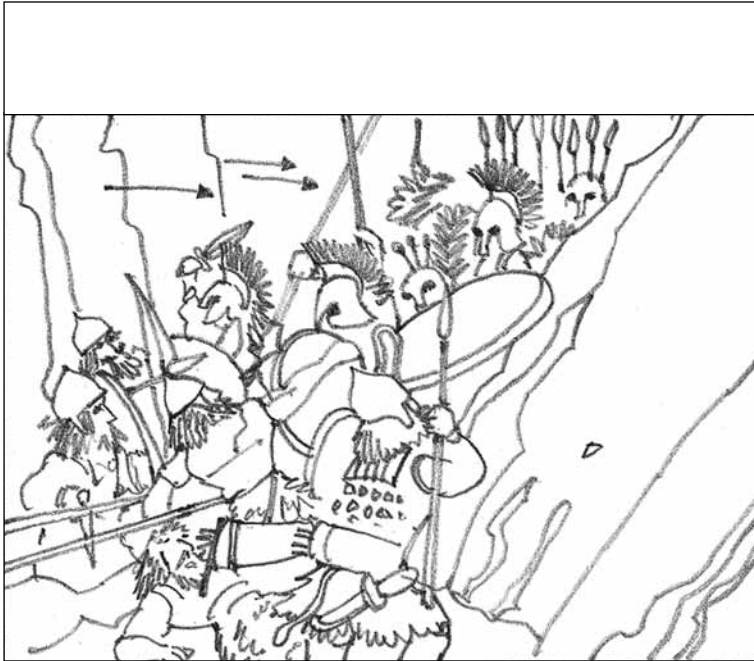


1. Read Section 3 and summarize what happened at the Battle of Marathon.

2. Write a headline above the image that tells why the battle was important.

3. Circle the factor that you think **best** explains why the Greeks won the Battle of Marathon. Then write one or two sentences explaining your choice.
 - A. They were joined together as allies.
 - B. They had better fighting equipment.
 - C. They knew the geography of the area.
 - D. They used a clever military strategy.

Section 4

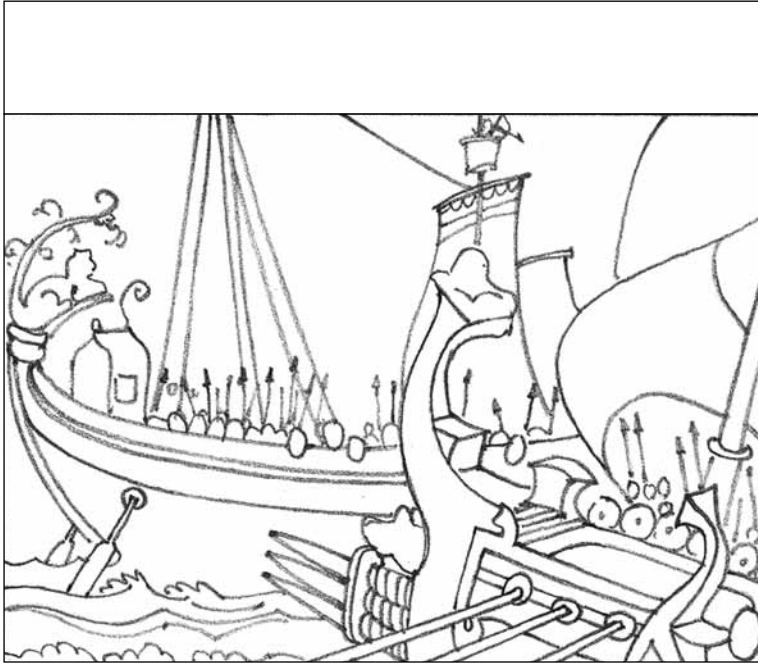


1. Read Section 4 and summarize what happened at the Battle of Thermopylae.

2. Write a headline above the image that tells why the battle was important.

3. Circle the factor that you think **best** explains why the Persians won the Battle of Thermopylae. Then write one or two sentences explaining your choice.
 - A. They were joined together as allies.
 - B. They had better fighting equipment.
 - C. They knew the geography of the area.
 - D. They used clever military strategy.

Section 5



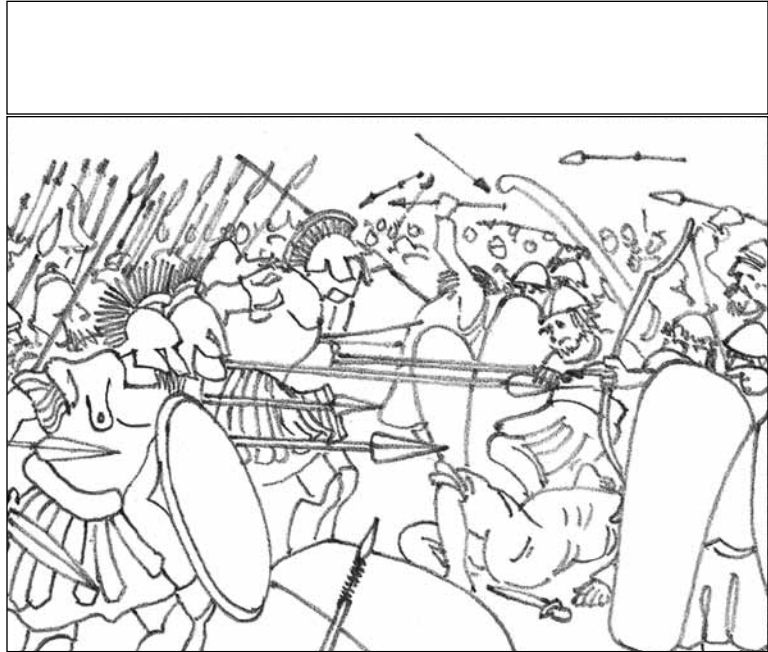
1. Read Section 5 and summarize what happened at the Battle of Salamis.

2. Write a headline above the image that tells why the battle was important.

3. Circle the factor that you think **best** explains why the Greeks won the Battle of Salamis. Then write one or two sentences explaining your choice.
 - A. They were joined together as allies.
 - B. They had better fighting equipment.
 - C. They knew the geography of the area.
 - D. They used clever military strategy.

Section 6

1. Read Section 6 and then summarize what happened at the Battle of Plataea.



2. Write a headline above the image that tells why the battle was important.

3. Circle the factor that you think **best** explains why the Greeks won the Battle of Plataea. Then write one or two sentences explaining your choice.

A. They were joined together as allies.	B. They had better fighting equipment.
C. They knew the geography of the area.	D. They used clever military strategy.

4. Why was it important that the Greeks won the Persian wars?

P R O C E S S I N G

Listed below are four factors that contributed to a Greek victory in the Persian wars. On the lines next to the letters, rank these factors from the most important (1) to the least important (4).

- _____ A. The Greeks were joined together as allies.
- _____ B. The Greeks had better fighting equipment.
- _____ C. The Greeks knew the geography of the area.
- _____ D. The Greeks used clever military strategy.

On a separate piece of paper, write a paragraph justifying your choice for the most important factor.