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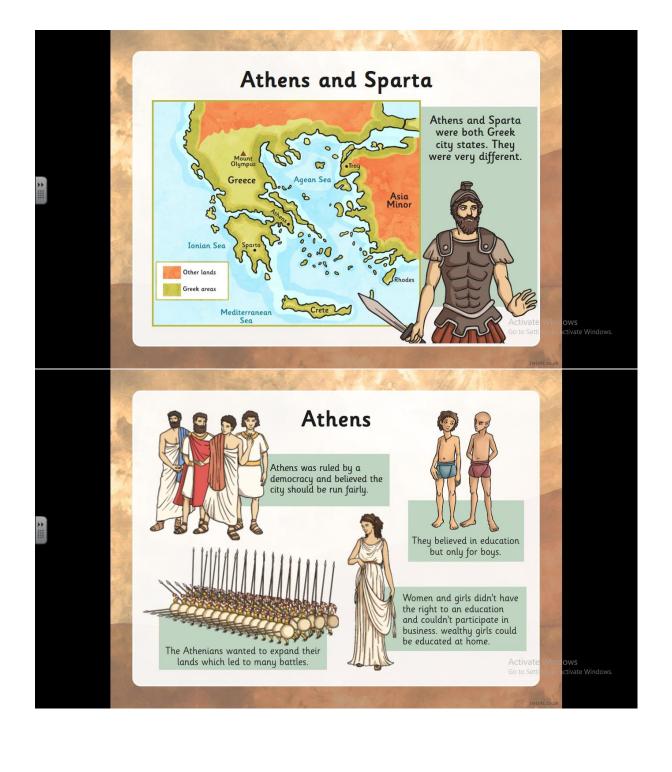
- I can compare the different city states.
- I can write an account of the Battle of Marathon from the point of view of a key eye witness.

Success Criteria

- I can explain how Athens and Sparta are similar and different.
- I can explain why the Spartans didn't help the Athenians.
- I can order events of the Battle of Marathon.
- I can write the events of the Battle of Marathon from the point of view of someone involved in the battle.

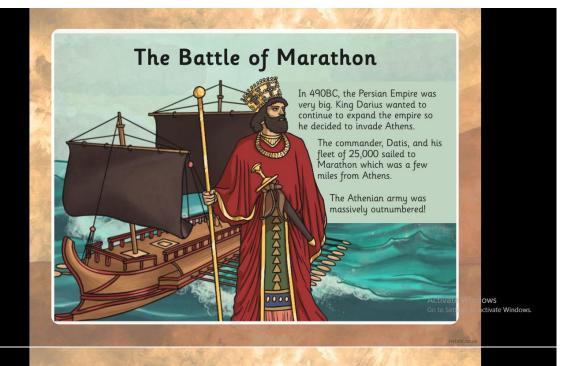
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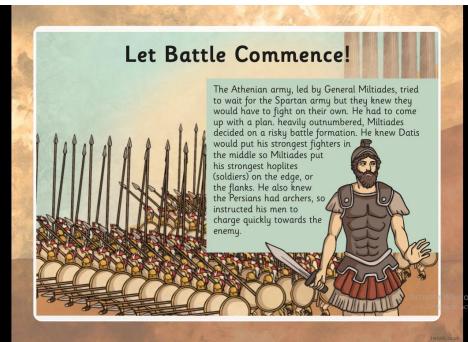


The Athenians needed to ask for help! So they decided to ask the Spartans. Although they often fought against each other, when faced with an outside enemy the Greek city states usually joined forces. The Spartan army was very famous and would have been very useful to the Athenians. They sent a runner, Pheidippides, to Sparta to ask. He ran for 2 days and nights from Athens to Sparta, running 240km in total.

The Spartans were celebrating a festival and so said they would help, only once the festival was over. Pheidippides then ran back to Athens with the news that they would need to wait!



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Surprise!

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The Persians were shocked at this strategy and Athenian hoplites quickly strategy and Athenian hoplites quickly ran past the line of arrows flying towards them. They charged straight at the Persians! The stronger fighters on the flanks quickly attacked the much weaker Persian soldiers on their flanks. This left the Athenians free to close in and trap the rest of the Persian

The remaining Persians then ran away to their ships!



Ordering Events



Did you put them in the correct order?

King Darius of Persia wanted to invade Athens to increase his empire.	The Persian soldiers arrived at Marathon.	Pheidippides ran to Sparta to ask for assistance as the two city states often joined together to fight mutual enemies. It took him 48 hours to run to Sparta.
Pheidippides ran to Sparta and asked for help as they often supported Athens, but Sparta said they could not help for 2 more days as they were celebrating a festival. He ran 160 miles back to Athens to report the news.	Marathon ready to attack. The much smaller Athenian army waited anxiously for help from their allies, the Spartans, When no help arrived they had to think of a new plan.	The Athenians began to prepare after seeing King Darius' ships approaching.
The Athenians were worried but ran right into the Persian army lines as they were trying a new strategy.	The Persians were not prepared for this new strategy. They nearly pushed through the Athenian lines but did not succeed. They lost many soldiers.	The Persians knew they were losing so withdrew. Determined not to leave completely defeated, they went to Athens to attack the unprotected city. The Athenians managed to get back in time to defend their city.
6,400 Persian soldiers died, but only 192 Athenians die in the famous battle.	Pheidippides last job was to take the victory message back to Athens. He told the city they had won the battle.	Pheidippides then sadly died.

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