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Hoplite Warfare

- Shield covered your left half and the right half of the person next to you.
- Two hoplite armies fighting wont fight for long due to the heat and weight

Hoplite Phalanx

- A formation that worked as a steamroller
- Shields and spears in a formation that had good coverage of the soldiers
- You can't break formation once you're in formation.
- If you fall, you'll be trampled

Hoplite Armor

- Only the wealthy had the good good
- Had to pay for their own armour
- Armor was very heavy and built out of bronze

Persian Warfare

- Didn't wear heavy armor
- Charioteers had platemail
- Others had some platemail too but mostly linnen
 - **TROUSERS**
- Smol shield

Tactics

- People with tower shields would form a wall
- Spears would protrude from these shields to prevent cavalry charges
- Archers would stand behind

Ionian

- Persia recruits Ionia to join their army
- - But Aristagoras is a tyrant and rebels so he goes to Sparta to try and get sparta to fight Persia. Talks to Spartan King which is weird because you talk to the euphors if you're a foreigner.
- Spartan king Cleomenes says no because the journey is 3 months away. Aristagoras tries to bribe him. **Gorgo** (9 y.o daughter) tells Cleomenes that he shouldn't listen to the evil man

- So Aristagoras goes to Athens and they decide to help since they relate to Ionia because they're all Greek (and the money)
- Athens sends 20 ships (doesn't realize how swollen Persia is)
- Salamis gets burned to the ground, Athenians bail because they know there's going to be revenge and don't want to die
- Miletus was razed to the ground by Darius who was pissed that Athens would attack Persia

The Battle of Marathon

- Persians take 600 ships and go to Athens and pass through all the little islands on the way and get them to surrender to the Persians
- Arrive at Marathon, Attica and they have friends there (Hippias does)
- Athens learns this so they ask Sparta for help
- Pheidippides runs 150km to Sparta in 1 day!
- Persia lands at Marathon but the Athenians don't send troops because they are in a celebration of the gods.
- Athenians consider Sparta's delay (10 men democratically make the decision)
- Need to flank Persians in an area where there's no space for all the Persians to fight back
- Greeks fall back so Persians think they're winning, once Persians move up Greeks push them back into the water and a lot of Persians drown
- Marathon was named after the distance between Marathon and Athens because of the dude that died
- Sparta eventually shows up and sees the aftermath, defends their superstitions of not going against the gods. Starts a distrust between Athens and Sparta
- Athens vows to protect Plataea for their service