

La domination de la ligue de Délos

When the Persians decided to attack Greece, the Greek city states were not having it. So much so that for the first time ever, they got together, formed an alliance and kicked them out in the Battle of Salamis (bataille de Salamie). After the war, this military alliance lived on. Set at the Aegean island of Delos, they called this alliance the Delian League (ligue de Délos).

The Delian League was held in a stranglehold by the state of Athens, who had then just demonstrated its great military power to the rest of the Greek city states. Athens had all its allies pay annual tributes (tributes annuels) in Athenian coins. This made Athens even more powerful and reinforced their commercial position at Piraeus (Pirée). If allied states decided to not pay their tribute, Athens would persuade them with their military force.

Athenian money started to pile up at the treasury of Delos (trésor de Délos) because of all the money they were getting from their allies. After a while, Pericles decided to move this treasury from Delos to Athens "to keep it safe from Persia". He then would go on to use it in the reconstruction of the Acropolis of Athens.

In the end, Athens was well financed by its allies.

Délos	Île sacrée dans la mer d'Égée
Ligue de Délos	Alliance militaire située à Délos, dominé par Athènes
La formation de la ligue de Délos	Pour défendre la Grèce contre les Perses
Le trésor de Délos	Financé par les allies d'Athènes, originalement situé à Délos
Le déplacement du trésor de Délos	Périclès a décidé que les fonds sont plus sûrs à Athènes.