



History of
Ancient Greece
Fall 2024

MEETING 10

War Between the Greeks

- The Undeclared War
- The Peloponnesian War
- Alcibiades
- The Sicilian Expedition
- Legacies



1

Upcoming dates

- Monday, November 11 *Clouds* Essay due
- Monday, December 9 Position Paper due
- Sunday, November 3 *Deadline for posting your weekly responses*



2

Five things today

- 1 The Undeclared War
- 2 The Peloponnesian War
- 3 Alcibiades
- 4 The Sicilian Expedition
- 5 Legacies

3



4

Quiz #8: War Between the Greeks

1. Pericles's strategy for dealing with the Spartan threat was to

- a. march out and fearlessly fight the Spartan army
- ☒ b. evacuate the farms and bring everyone within the city walls
- c. sail to Sparta and attack the city
- d. surrender and hope for the best

2. All of the following are true about Alcibiades EXCEPT:

- a. Handsome, charming, and pleasure-seeking, he was eagerly courted by men and women alike
- b. He advocated expanding the empire as a means of defeating Sparta, leading to the Sicilian Expedition
- ☒ c. He returned to Athens after the war and opened a successful brothel
- d. Recalled from the war to stand trial for heresy, he slipped off and defected to Sparta

3. Athens's negotiations with Melos resulted in Athens

- a. asserting, according to Thucydides, a natural law that those with power must dominate
- b. selling the city's women and children into slavery
- ☒ c. systematically massacring the city's men
- d. all of the above

EC. In your opinion, which city is most to blame for causing the Peloponnesian War? Explain why.

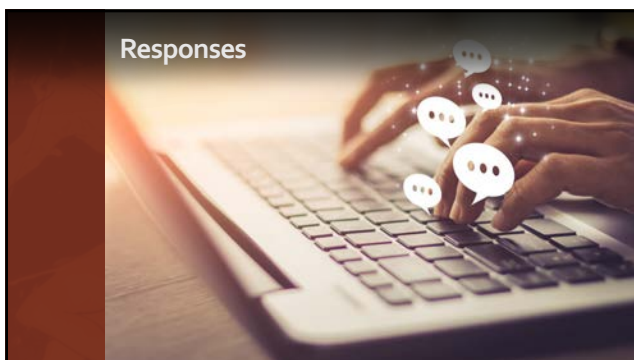
4. Sparta's victory over Athens was made possible by all of the following EXCEPT:

- ☒ a. Sparta's deal with India for naval assistance
- b. The devastating effects of plague in Athens
- c. Athens overextending itself to create a western front in Sicily
- d. The Spartan general Brasidas's success in winning Athenian allies over to Sparta

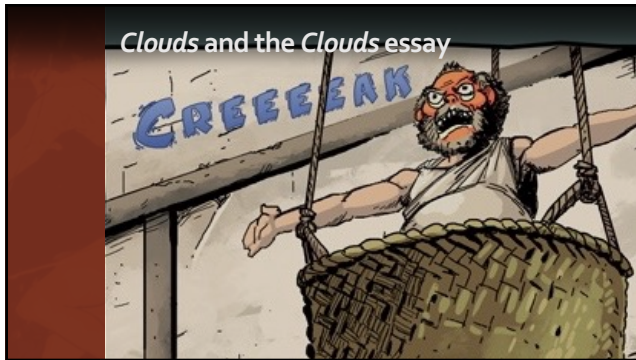
5. The formal charges laid against the philosopher Socrates in his trial included accusations of

- ☒ a. teaching false gods and corrupting the youth
- b. fomenting treason against Athens
- c. desecration of the herms
- d. undeveloped rhetoric

5



6



7

Ancient History – Spring 2025

			
History of Ancient Rome	Women in Antiquity	Civilizations of the Ancient World	Classical Myth and Society
HIA 311/721 Thursdays 6:00–8:40 p.m. Prof. Wilson Writing/Research intensive	HIA 311/720 Tuesdays 6:00–8:40 p.m. Prof. Wilson Writing intensive	HIS 216 Tues/Thurs 3:00–4:15 p.m. Prof. Wilson	HIA 311/721 Fridays 11:00–1:35 p.m. Prof. Marianetti Hybrid • Writing intensive

markbellison.com/courses

8



9

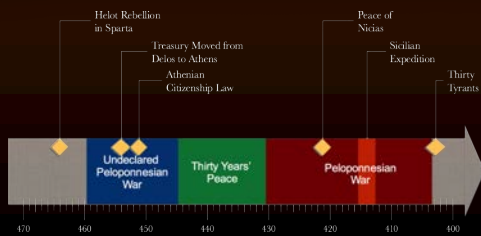
The Peloponnesian War

10

The Peloponnesian Wars

11

Timeline: Peloponnesian Wars



12

Tension becomes war: Thucydides

- "The growth of the power of Athens, and the alarm which this inspired in Lacedaemon, made war inevitable"

—THUC. 1.23

- "You hold your empire like a tyranny now. Taking it is thought to have been criminal; letting it go would be extremely dangerous"

—THUC. 2.63

13

Epidamnus and Corcyra



14

Primary Source Reading

Thucydides

Civil War in Corcyra



15



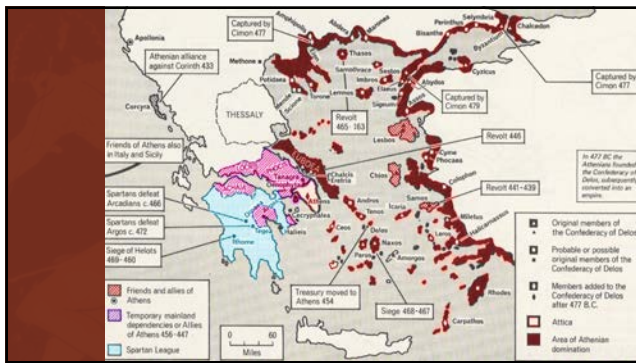
16



17



18

[illegible][illegible]

Strengths and weaknesses



Athens and allies

- Wealth
- Undisputed advantage at sea
 - Number and quality of ships
 - Training



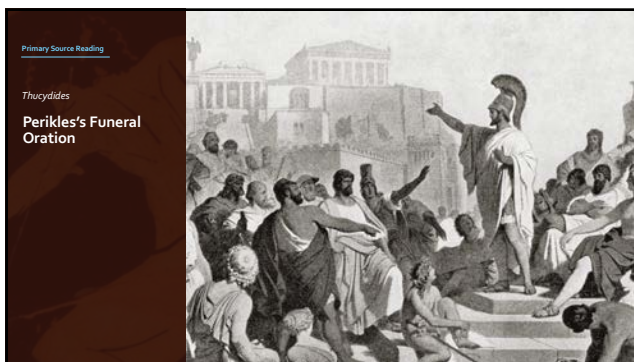
Sparta and allies

- Undisputed advantage in infantry
 - Number and quality of troops
 - Training

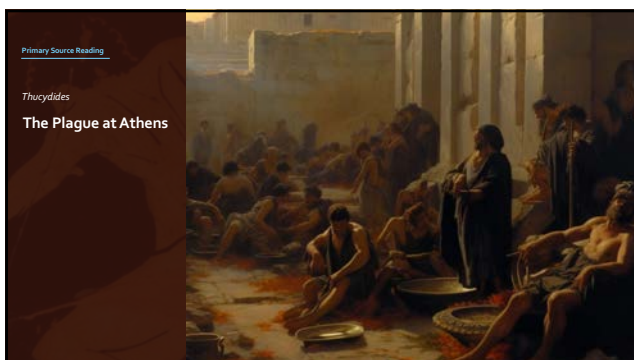
[illegible]



22

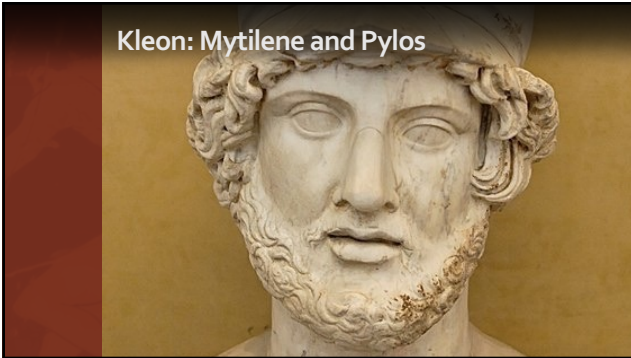


23



24

Kleon: Mytilene and Pylos



25

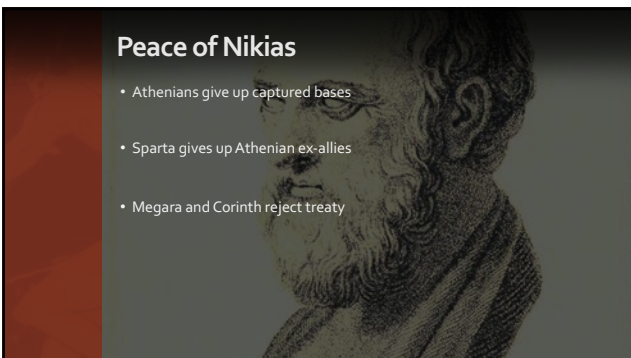
Brasidas



26

Peace of Nikias

- Athenians give up captured bases
- Sparta gives up Athenian ex-allies
- Megara and Corinth reject treaty



27



28



29



30



31



32



33

Post-war Athens



34

Legacies



35

Fourth Century Crisis



36



37
