

The Last Stand, Demosthenes

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What does this reading mean?

- This reading describes the fear of Athenians over the powers of Philip.
- Athenians feared Philip because of his abilities to take control of Athens with the Macedonian rule.

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What Philip was capable of?

- Philip would infringe peace by going to war with Athens. Philip used his army of men to treat Athenians with violence.
- Philip would be what would lead to the death of Euphræus. A man who was dealt by Philip labouring for Freedom of Independence.
- Euphræus ended up killing himself to prove that he resisted Philip honestly, as he was treated like crap by the people of Oreus.

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Philip's Agents

- Philistides
- Menippus
- Socrates
- Thoas
- Agapaeus

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What did the Athenians Do?

- Athenians allied with Olynthians, Eretrians, and Orites in an attempt to take down Philip's Macedonian rule and to maintain their own power and repute.
- Athenians allying with Orites was interesting because Oreus was completely divided.
- Oreus had one party for peace and one party all for violence.

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What happened to Athenians?

- The Greek armies who allied with one another would attempt to fight Philip and his army, until there was a point that Philip couldn't be defeated as he took over Athens.
- The Greek armies, which consisted of Athenians, Orites, Olynthians, and Eretrians were crushed by Philip at Chaeronea, Boeotia. In August 338 BCE.

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The author's perspectives on the topic

- What Demosthenes tells us is how one person can be so powerful to the point where the enemies who are against him would ally with other acquaintances.
- Athenians were fearing the power of Philip as he has the power to do whatever he wants.
- What Demosthenes points out to the audience is that Athens lacked ability to take down Philip and his crew.
