



Battle of Marathon



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The Athenians surrounded the Persians. Many Persians died.

The Athenians were not trained fighters but followed orders to run to the Persian army.

Pheidippides arrived in Sparta, but the Spartans refused to help.

The Athenians began to prepare after seeing King Darius' ships approaching.

Pheidippides, who was a runner, was sent to Sparta to ask for help as they were legendary fighters. It took him 2 days to run the 150 miles.

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After the battle, Pheidippides ran all the way back to Athens to tell the Athenians they had won. He then sadly died.



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The Athenians were worried but ran right into the Persian army lines as they were trying a new strategy.

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Pheidippides' last job was to take the victory message back to Athens. He told the city that they had won the battle.

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The Persians knew they were losing so withdrew, but 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.

Pheidippides ran to Sparta and asked for help as they often supported Athens, but Sparta said they could not help for two more days as they were celebrating a religious festival.

The Persians were not prepared for this new strategy. They nearly pushed through the Athenian lines but did not succeed. They lost many soldiers.

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The Persian soldiers arrived at 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.