

ATHENIAN EMPIRE—CHARACTERS

ANCIENT GREECE—478 TO 404 B.C.

FORMATION OF DELIAN LEAGUE TO FALL OF ATHENS

ARTS AND LITERATURE

- Aeschylus** 525–456 BC First of the three great Greek Tragedians. Wrote plays including the tragedies of *Oedipus* and *Antigone*.
- Sophocles** 496–406 BC Wrote Greek Tragedies, including *Agamemnon*, *Electra*, and *Orestes*.
- Euripides** 480–406 BC Third of the great Greek Tragedians. Wrote *Alcestis*, *Medea*, *Orestes*, *Electra* and many others.
- Aristophanes** 448–388 BC Greatest of Greek Comedian playwrights. Wrote *Frogs*, *Clouds*, *Peace*, *Birds*, and many others.
- Pindar** 518–438 BC Most famous of Greek Lyric Poets.
- Phidias** 500–432 BC Built statues of Athena in the Parthenon and Jupiter at Olympia. Friend of Pericles.
- Herodotus** 484–425 BC Wrote *Histories* of the Persian War and empires of the east.
- Thucydides** 460–400 BC Historian of Peloponnesian War. Athenian general exiled after he failed a mission.

SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY

- Anaxagoras** 500–428 BC First Great Philosopher of Athens, thought to be a teacher of Socrates.
- Socrates** 469–399 BC First moral philosopher, immortalized by Plato.
- Hippocrates** 460–377 BC Father of modern medicine. Set up medical school to train doctors by scientific methods.

STATESMEN

- Pericles** 499–429 BC Athenian statesman during Golden Age of Athens. Made Athens cultural center of Greece.
- Aspasia** ~ 450 BC Foreign born courtesan, wife of Pericles. Highly educated for a woman of her age.
- Archidamus** 476–427 BC Spartan King during the early years of Peloponnesian War. Sought peace with Athens, but was forced into the war.
- Artaxerxes I** d. 424 BC King of Persia during early part of Peloponnesian War, allied with Sparta

MILITARY

- Cimon** d. 449 BC Athenian statesman and general. Fought Persians in Ionia after the war. Friend of Sparta.
- Cleon** d. 422 BC War mongering politician, opposed Sparta's peace proposals.
- Brasidas** d. 422 BC Eloquent Spartan general, turned tide of Peloponnesian War in Sparta's favor. Died at Amphipolis.
- Lysander** d. 395 BC Spartan naval Commander who defeated Athens in Peloponnesian War.
- Gylippus** ~ 413 BC Lead the resistance in Syracuse that defeated Athenian forces during Peloponnesian War.
- Alcibiades** 450–404 BC Controversial statesman and general of Athens, who betrayed the city, then returned as hero.
- Nicias** d. 413 BC After death of Pericles, emerged as leader of peace party. Led disastrous Sicilian Expedition.
- Demosthenes** d. 413 BC Important Athenian general in the Peloponnesian War. Perished at Syracuse.
- Lamachus** d. 415 BC Admiral who with Nicias and Alcibiades led the Sicilian Expedition. Died in early combat.