

ATHENIAN EMPIRE—TIMELINE

ANCIENT GREECE—478 TO 404 B.C.

FORMATION OF DELIAN LEAGUE TO FALL OF ATHENS

- 477 The Delian League of sea-faring Greek city-states is organized under the leadership of Athens.
- 475 [Cimon](#) conquers the pirates of Scyros and brings the bones Theseus back to Athens.
- 472 [Themistocles](#), the hero of Salamis, is exiled from Athens.
- 467 Tragic playwright [Aeschylus](#) presents "Seven Against Thebes".
- 466 Delian Navy, under [Cimon](#), destroys the Persian fleet at Eurymedon River
- 462 A widespread helot Rebellion, following a severe earthquake in Sparta, is put down.
- 456 The "long walls" from Athens to the port at Piraeus are completed.
- 453 **Treasure of the Delian League is moved to Athens.**
- 447 Construction begins on the Parthenon.
- 445-431 [Pericles](#) leads Athens during the "Golden Age" of the Athenian Empire.
- 445 "Peace of Pericles" leads to 14 years of peace between Spartan allies and Athens.
- 430 [Phidias](#) begins work on the Statue of Zeus at Olympia.
- 420 [Herodotus](#) completes work on "*The Histories*". .
- 431-404 **[Peloponnesian War](#), fought between Athenian Empire and cities allied with Sparta.**
- 430 The plague at Athens kills thousands of besieged citizens, including Pericles.
- 428 A Revolt at Mytilene is crushed when the city attempts to rebel from the Athenian league.
- 427 *Destruction of Plataea* by Sparta.
- 425 [Cleon](#) leads Athens to victory over Sparta at the *Battle of Sphacteria*.
- 422 Warhawks [Brasidas](#) of Sparta and [Cleon](#) of Athens are killed at the *Battle of Amphipolis*
- 421 "Peace of Nicias" provides 6 year break in hostilities
- 415 ***Sicilian Expedition* led by [Nicias](#) and [Alcibiades](#) ends in disaster for Athens.**
- 406 Athenian generals are executed for dereliction of duty after their ***Victory at Arginusae***.
- 405 Spartan hero [Lysander](#) destroys the Athenian fleet at the *Battle of Aegos Potami*.
- 404 **Athens surrenders after city is besieged and port is blockaded by a Spartan fleet.**
- 406 Death of [Euripides](#) great tragic playwright of the classical period.