

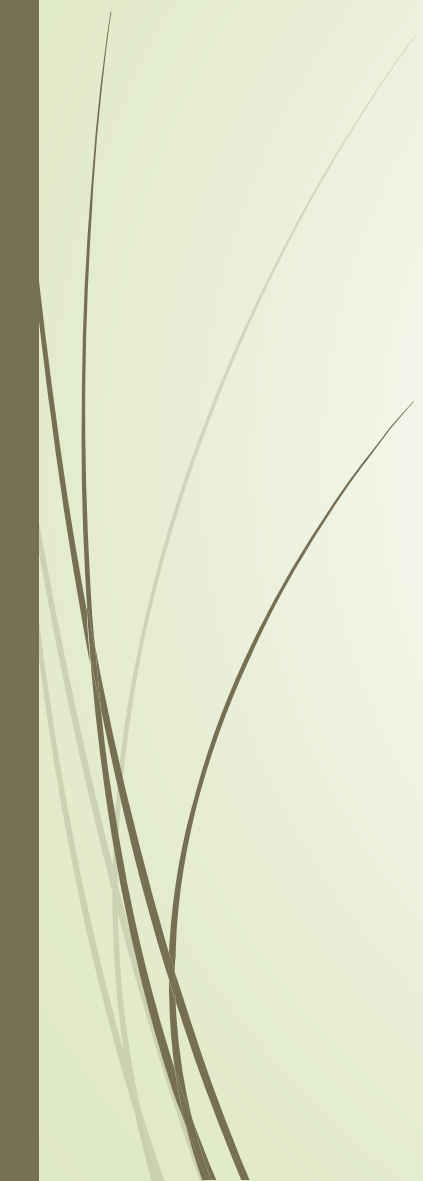


The Persian Wars

Ancient Greece
West Branch Middle School



Introduction

- Lasted between 499-479 B.C.E
 - Largest empire the world had ever seen
 - Ruled over land in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.
 - During the 400's, Persia invaded Greece.
 - The Persian Wars had begun.
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The Persians





King Darius

- King Darius had a huge empire to run.
- The provinces were known as ***Satrapies***.
- He established tax collection system and put people in place to rule the provinces.
- Also allowed conquered people to maintain their customs and religions.

The Ionian Revolt

- Started in 499 B.C.E.
- Took farmlands and harbors
- Forced the people to pay *tributes*.
- Force them to serve in their army.
- Defeated by the Persians in 493 B.C.E

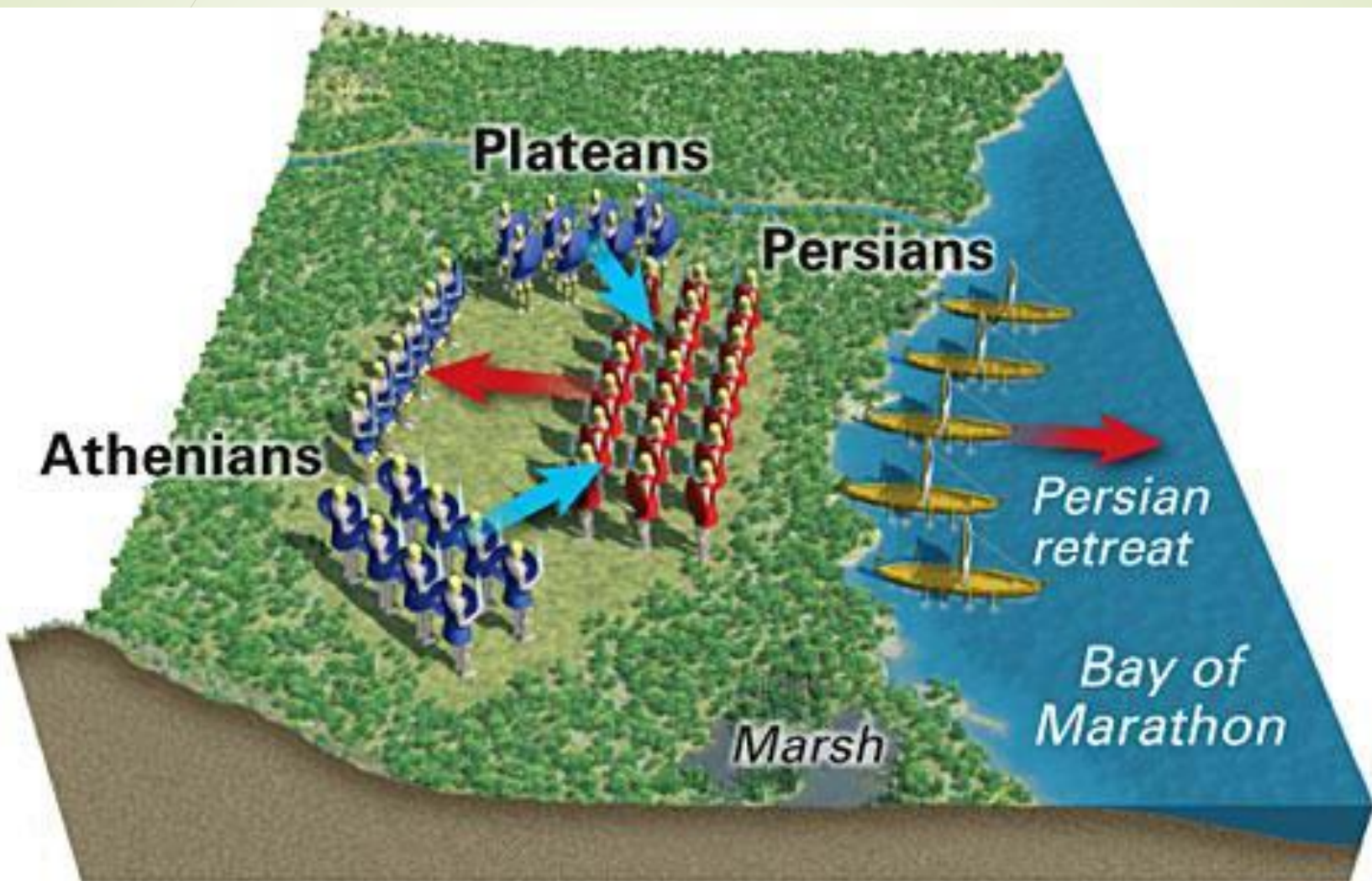


The Battle of Marathon

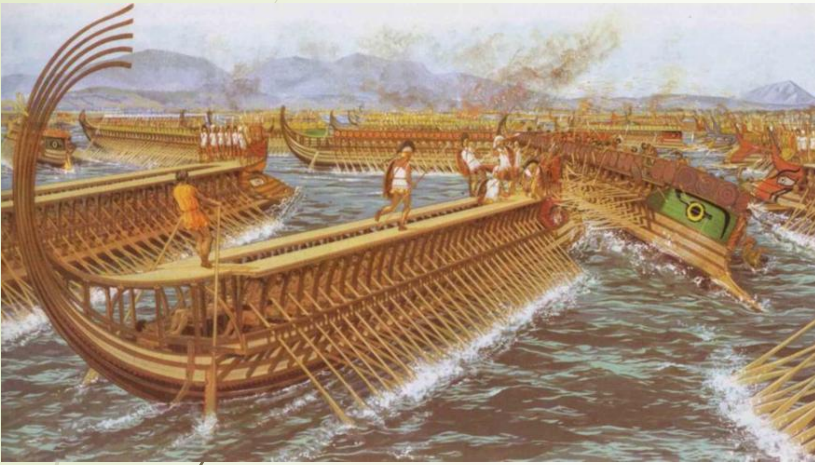
- Darius attacks mainland Greece
- Large Army of foot soldiers and cavalry
- Battle takes place on the Plain of Marathon
- Sparta did not participate
- Greeks attack first



The Attack



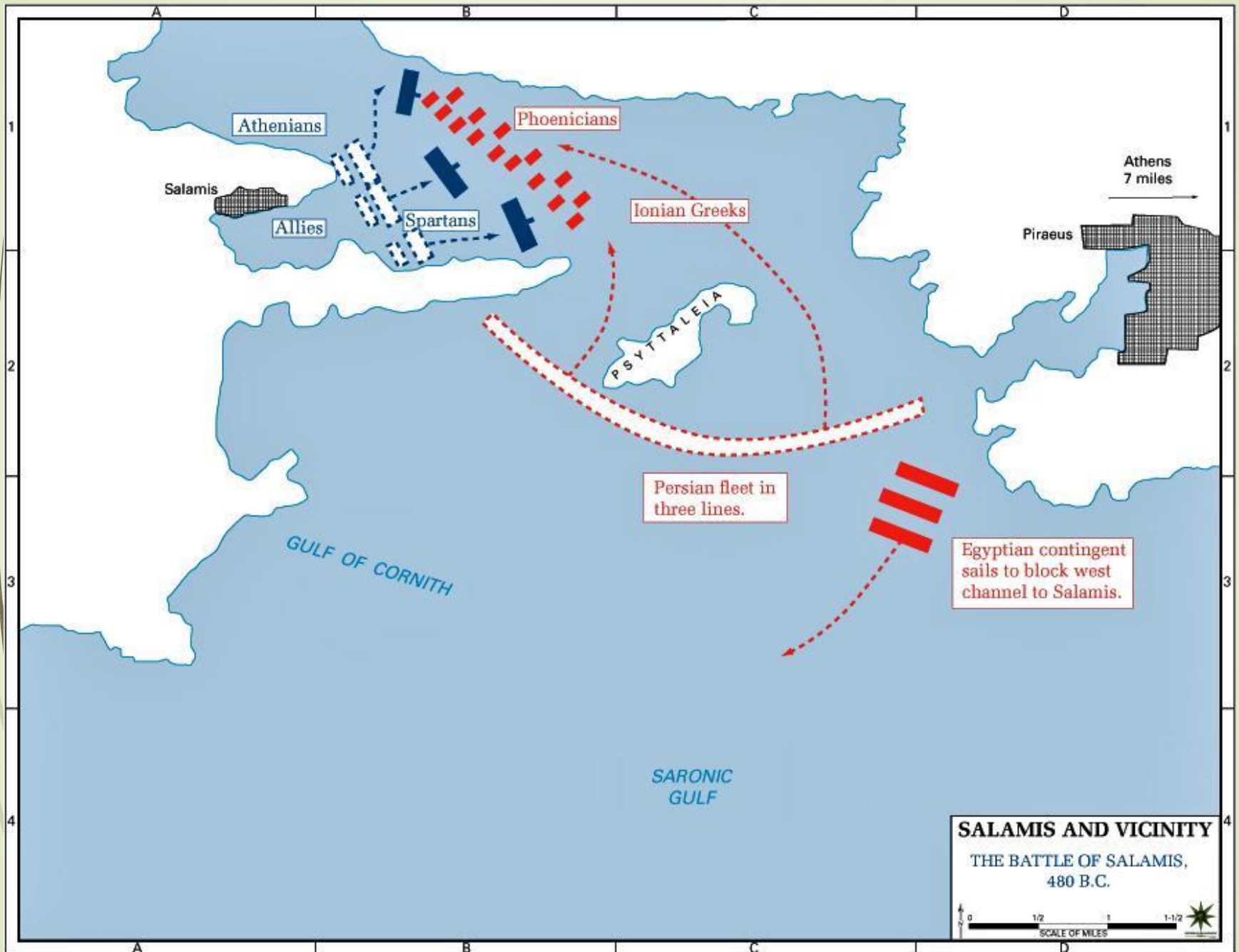
The Battle of Salamis



- Darius dies and his son Xerxes becomes King of the Persians
- Burns Athens to the ground
- Themistocles sends a messenger to Xerxes
- Xerxes falls for the trick
- Athenian navy surrounds them
- 300 Persian ships were sunk
- Greeks win the battle



David - Leonidas at Thermopylae (1814) Collection of the Louvre



Athenians

Phoenicians

Salamis

Allies

Spartans

Ionian Greeks

Athens
7 miles

Piraeus

PSYTTALEIA

Persian fleet in
three lines.

Egyptian contingent
sails to block west
channel to Salamis.

GULF OF CORNITH

SARONIC
GULF

SALAMIS AND VICINITY

THE BATTLE OF SALAMIS,
480 B.C.



The Battle of Plataea

- Xerxes flees to Salamis
- Tells his army to attack Athens again in the Spring
- “common Brotherhood with the Greeks!”
- Battle happens at the city of Plataea
- 80,000 Greeks destroyed the Persian army
- The threat from the Persian Empire was over



