

Rise of the Athenian Empire – Video 14



Athens creates the _____ League after the Greco-Persian War.

The original intent of the Delian League is to fight the Persians, but it turns into furthering the Athenian's own interests (the Athenian Empire).

The Delian League is formed in _____ BC.

The Spartans view the war with Persia as _____, but that's convenient. They go home and hole up on the Peloponnesus. Athenians and the Ionian cities are more exposed _____ to the Persians.

So they form the Delian League for these reasons:

1. Revenge – Provide _____ to Greek city-states against Persia.
 - a. FYI – *Early on in league, anyone could leave at any time.*
2. BOOTY – Wealth for Athens and Delian League members.
 - a. *Sailors in the navy could become independently wealthy.*
3. Each member of the League gets _____ vote.
4. Athenians are the leaders; they begin to influence the votes.

Delian League morphs into Athenian _____, but this does not happen overnight. The original intent is for the common good. It changes from a collection of city-states with a common _____ to a league run by Athens for its own interests.

Delian League has domination of _____ Sea.

What's up in Athens?

Themistocles is _____ in 472 BC.

Was he too arrogant for his victory against Persia at Salamis?

Karma – Themistocles had used ostracism against his rivals. The tables have turned.

_____, Themistocles' main political rival, takes over in Athens. He is the son of _____, the hero at the Battle of Marathon.

Cimon is also a great supporter of _____, and he's very popular in Athens. He is also an excellent general.

Is Cimon the reason the Spartans don't object (too loudly) to Athenian expansion? Cimon is in charge in Athens for almost two decades! Wow!

Delian League Key Events 478-461 BC

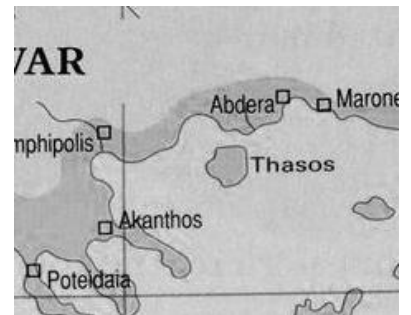
470s BC: Karystos (on the island Euboea) had resisted the Persians, but is now taken by Athens. Athens forces them into the Delian League, _____ down their walls, and forces them to pay permanent _____ every year OR ELSE.



471 BC: Naxos (island) decides it no longer wants to pay the Delian League dues, because it believes the war with Persia is over. It rebels, and Athens lays _____ to the city, tears down the walls, disband the _____, and strips the Naxians of their vote in the Delian League, but forces them to still pay tribute.



465 BC: Thasos (island) has an argument with Athens over silver mines. Thasos rebels, the Athenians defeat them by sea, and it takes two years for the Athenians to take the capital. The Athenians force the Thasians to destroy their _____, surrender their _____, and pay an annual contribution to the Delian League. Athens also takes control of the _____.



Other Greeks see the Thasos incident as Athens using the Delian League to further her own interests. (Beginning of the Athenian Empire? "Empire" is the reason the Greeks fought the _____!)

The Athenians take the money from the Delian treasury, and use it to build their own _____.

Many League members no longer even have a navy, as all their money is going into the treasury.

WIN-WIN for Athens! The League members have no money for a navy, and no navy to protect them from _____. HAHA.

Back to politics in Athens.....

Politics swings back and forth in Athens:

- Miltiades represented the _____ owners:
 - aristocracy-> hoplites-> Marathon-> awesomeness
- Themistocles represented the _____ class:
 - sailors-> Salamis-> Persian naval ass-kicking
- Cimon represents the _____ owners:
 - aristocracy -> Delian League victories -> Imperialism
 - He makes it through _____ elections! Wow! Popular!

Oh no! Things are about to go badly....

Problem #1: The siege at _____ took too long. Two years is way too long, and Cimon gets the blame.

Problem #2: _____ and Ephialtes, who represent the lower class, try to bring Cimon up on charges, but the trial fails.

Problem #3: EARTHQUAKE in _____. They reach out for help from many city-states to put down a helot rebellion but REJECT help from Athens! How dare they!

P.S. Thucydides tells us Thasos asked Sparta for help, and Sparta would have helped, if it weren't for the earthquake. Interesting to keep in mind.

This does not go well in Athens, and since the Athenians love a scapegoat, they blame _____, as he had been the made sponsor of the Spartans.

He is _____ in 461 BC. (Karma: remember he had ostracized Themistocles!)

End to the friendship between _____ and _____.

_____ will take over Athens next.



