

The Peloponnesian War – Video 18

Four main events that cause Sparta to declare war in July 432 BC:

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Nothing happens for _____ months.

Sparta may be ready for war, but King Archidamus speaks against it; they are conservative and don't like to leave the _____.

_____ threatened to leave the League if Sparta did not vote for war.

Hmmmm does Sparta really have control of the Peloponnesian League?

Sparta tries to negotiate with Athens - THREE demands:

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Megarian Decree: Remember when Megara left the Peloponnesians and joined Athens, but then _____ and rejoined Peloponnesians? Yeah, so Athens has a trade _____ against them – NO ONE in the empire (Delian League) could do business with Megara

Huge Debate: Athenians are like, sure, who cares about Megara? BUT Pericles says if we do that, Sparta will continue to make demands (if you give a mouse a cookie...), plus _____ NEVER broke the treaty, the _____ broke it! Why should we give in?

Athens sends _____ to Sparta (mostly for Pericles to make it seem like he's trying for peace).

All demands are rejected on both sides. (*Hmmmm what would Corinth have done if Sparta and Athens had come to peace??*)

Spartans are being pushed by their _____.

Sparta's message to Greece: we are _____ you from imperialistic Athenians.

Pericles' plan: _____ by land and _____ by sea – CONTROL of seas and avoid Spartan army.

The Athenian population in the countryside is _____ and sent behind long walls at Athens; they would get supplies by _____.

Archidamian War (431-423 BC)

431 BC: Thebans (allies of _____) attack Plataea (allies of _____).

Spartans march into Attica and wait for Athens, but Athens doesn't show which makes them seem like _____? (This is totally against the Greek idea of challenging and invading force!!!)

Spartans PILLAGE the farms and this outrages Athenians (some start to question _____). Pericles refuses to change his policy.

Pericles uses navy to _____ coast of Peloponnese while Spartans are busy. Spartans got sick of waiting for Athens (and plus they won't leave helots unsupervised for too long). Spartans go home.



_____ BC: Spartans invade Attica again, for _____ days, and Pericles leads another naval expedition against Peloponnese.

Defense can only work for so long. Without offense, how can you win?

(This is all _____ for Athens, just buying time to keep Athens from falling.) Pericles can't actually win unless he defeats the _____ army.

Neither side winning.

Summer of _____ BC: Plague breaks out in Athens and wipes out _____ of population.

Public _____: Pericles is forced to defend himself (put on trial by _____).

Cleon wanted to _____ the Spartans and stop the defensive strategy.

Athenians _____ Pericles, and then Pericles dies in _____ BC.

The "Man With The Plan" is gone.

Plague was so bad, _____ called off attack for a few years.

_____ BC: Island of _____ revolts from Athens, but Athens manages to suppress it.

Spartans invade again, but fails again.

Athenian General Nicias seizes a small island (Minoa) that controls the port _____ . He also pillages Melos (basically stabilizing some areas).

Spartans head to _____ (will now go for areas around Athens).

(Both sides seem to spend time taking _____ instead of going for each other.)