

## The Peloponnesian War – Video 26 – Siege of Syracuse

Athenians \_\_\_\_\_ the first battle, but fail to finish off the Syracusans. Athenians setup up winter quarter to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Syracuse. Spring of \_\_\_\_\_ BC, the Athenians arrive back at Syracuse.

Athens already have Syracuse blocked by \_\_\_\_\_, so they want to build a siege wall and cut them off by \_\_\_\_\_.

Athenians build a supply depot the Labdium, on the edge of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Epipolae. They then receive reinforcements.

The Athenians build another fort called “The \_\_\_\_\_”, made of wood. They intend to build walls from this fort extending \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in order to cut of Syracuse. The north part would extend across the plateau, and the south would be through a marsh.



Syracuse is terrified and builds a counter \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the road open.

*Both sides work on their walls for a while, without attacking.*

Athenians realize the Syracusans are not defending their wall, so \_\_\_\_\_ Athenians attack and destroy part of the wall, sending the Syracusans back to their main wall.

Athenians continue their south wall across the \_\_\_\_\_. The Syracusans begin a \_\_\_\_\_ counter wall across the marsh to stop the Athenians.

The Athenians launch another \_\_\_\_\_. Half of the Syracusans go back to the \_\_\_\_\_, and half go to a fort way to the south called Olympieum.

The Athenians follow the retreating Syracusans, but the Syracusan \_\_\_\_\_ saves the day by attacking the following Athenians and force the Athenians to retreat. The Athenians are able to stabilize, but \_\_\_\_\_ is killed in the process. Now \_\_\_\_\_ is all alone.

Now that the Athenians are busy elsewhere, the Syracusans attack \_\_\_\_\_ and are able to destroy some of the wall.

\_\_\_\_\_ stops the attack by actually setting some of the wooden supplies on \_\_\_\_\_. The Athenian navy arrives in the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Syracusans are forced to retreat to the city.

The Athenians complete a double wall to the \_\_\_\_\_ across the marsh (using wooden planks). They could receive supplies from the \_\_\_\_\_.

If the Athenians finish the wall to the north, it will be game over for Syracuse.

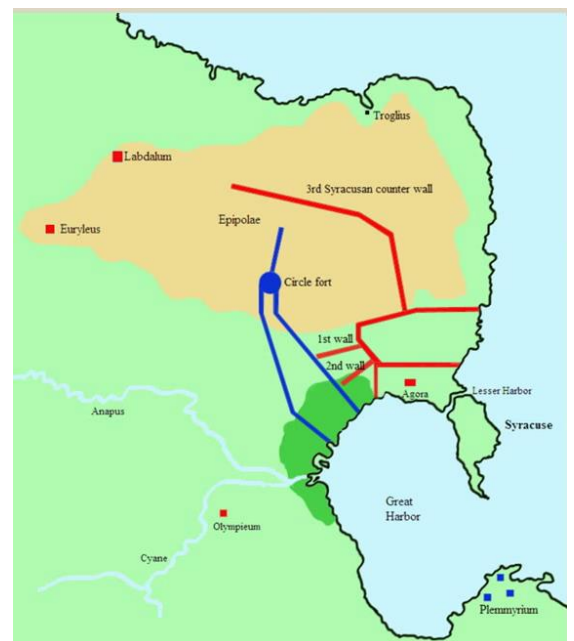
Meanwhile, a small \_\_\_\_\_ fleet is on the way to help, led by Gylippus.

Gylippus is able to land to the north and enter Syracuse by \_\_\_\_\_ (Athens hadn't finished the north wall). Help is also on the way from \_\_\_\_\_.

Syracuse was thinking about \_\_\_\_\_, but the Spartan general motivates them back on the war path.

Gylippus acts boldly. He captures the north Athenians fort at \_\_\_\_\_, a key supply depot. He also starts construction on a third northern \_\_\_\_\_, to block the Athenian wall.

\_\_\_\_\_ did nothing to prevent the building of the third wall??!? Instead he built a fort to give the Athenians a safe exit strategy.



This was a mistake as it took time and \_\_\_\_\_ away from the northern wall. (Did they come here to build forts, or win the war? Nicias' conservative policies lose the war?)

Two battles break out up \_\_\_\_\_. The first is won by the \_\_\_\_\_, but the second is won by the Syracusans. This allows the Syracusans to finish the \_\_\_\_\_.

This is a \_\_\_\_\_ for the Athenians. The siege strategy is now \_\_\_\_\_. Gylippus is able to build a fort at Euryleus (farthest on plateau, the Syracusans can no longer be blocked off). \_\_\_\_\_ arrives, also added to the Peloponnesian navy.

The hunters (Athens) are becoming the hunted (by Syracuse plus allies).

Both sides take winter quarters. \_\_\_\_\_ sends word to Athens asking for permission to \_\_\_\_\_, or for Athens to send \_\_\_\_\_. (Athens does still dominate the \_\_\_\_\_ around Sicily).

Athens refused to give up. \_\_\_\_\_ and Eurymedon will lead another fleet to Sicily. Around this time, the Spartans have seized Decelea (near Athens) in 413BC (thanks Alcibiades) and cut Athens off from their \_\_\_\_\_ mines. Now the Athenian war treasury is close to \_\_\_\_\_. *The Peace of Nicias is definitely over.*

Meanwhile Gylippus has recruited more Sicilian allies and is working on strengthening the Syracusan fleet to fight the Athenians at \_\_\_\_\_.

Spring 413BC: Gylippus launches a sea attack and while the Athenians are busy, launches a sneak attack to take all \_\_\_\_\_ forts around The Circle.

Thucydides says the Athenians \_\_\_\_\_ plummets at this point. Gylippus was receiving reinforcements by the day and launched constant attacks on the Athenians. The Syracusans made changes to their boats to make the \_\_\_\_\_ thicker, for closer combat in the harbor. This gave them a greater advantage in \_\_\_\_\_.

The Syracusans attack the Athenians, and the \_\_\_\_\_ are driven back from the harbor. The land forces are now screwed. \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in the nick of time to regain control of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Demosthenes knew he needed to launch an attack on the \_\_\_\_\_ counter wall so the Athenians could finish their north wall.

He launches a \_\_\_\_\_ attack, and is initially successful. The Athenians become too confident, and Gylippus is able to reorganize and push back the attack. The Athenians retreat in disarray and \_\_\_\_\_ are killed. What starts off as a turning point became a catastrophe.

The Athenian \_\_\_\_\_ is now rock bottom. This time, \_\_\_\_\_ pushes for the Athenians to go home, and \_\_\_\_\_ argues to stay (probably afraid to go home).

Finally, they agree to leave in \_\_\_\_\_ days (dun, dun, dun.....)

Syracusans don't want the Athenians to escape, so they launch an attack on \_\_\_\_\_ and at \_\_\_\_\_. The Athenian navy is broken and forced to land in the Great harbor between their two southern walls. (This was their \_\_\_\_\_ serious defeat!)

The Athenians' only chance now is to break out of the harbor. A huge battle breaks out at the mouth of the harbor. The \_\_\_\_\_ win and the Athenians are forced back again.

Nicias and Demosthenes debate what to do next. They attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ north by land. The Syracusan cavalry, however, does not allow them to escape. Nicias and Demosthenes are captured and \_\_\_\_\_. The rest of the Athenians are forced into \_\_\_\_\_ mines, and most die there.

Total \_\_\_\_\_ for the Athenians. This is the major \_\_\_\_\_ in the war. They've lost their generals, hoplites, and hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ that can not be replaced.