

Chapter 7 – The Glory of Ancient Greece

Section 2 – Athens & Sparta Notes

In the 600s B.C. Sparta becomes a city focused on war. Spartan boys endure a brutal military training to prepare them for battle



The Spartan fighting force will play a key role in the Greek Wars against the Persians from 490B.C. to 480B.C.



By 520B.C. Cyrus the Great of Persia gains control of Greek City-States on the west coast of Asia Minor



In 490B.C. The Athenians meet the Persians at the City-state of Marathon, the Athenians won a great victory over the Persians at Marathon



The Persian threat distracts the Greeks from fighting one another and allows Greece to briefly unite and drive away the Persians



After the Greek and Persian Wars, Athens emerges at the most powerful city-state and begins the Golden Age of Athens



People of other city-states begin to fear and resent Athens power. They look to Sparta for help.



Peloponnesian War between Athens & Sparta begins in 431B.C. and lasts for 27 Years



Athens is struck by a plague early on in the war and loses about one third of its population



Athens surrenders to Sparta in 404B.C.