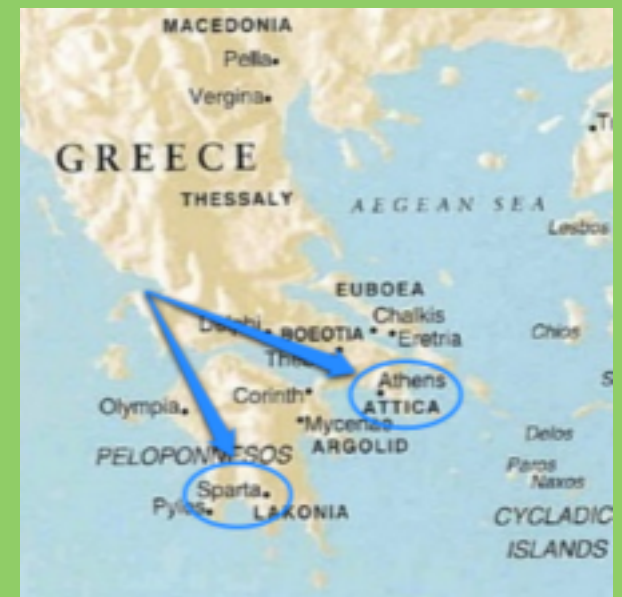


THE  
PELOPONNESIAN  
WAR

# CAUSES:

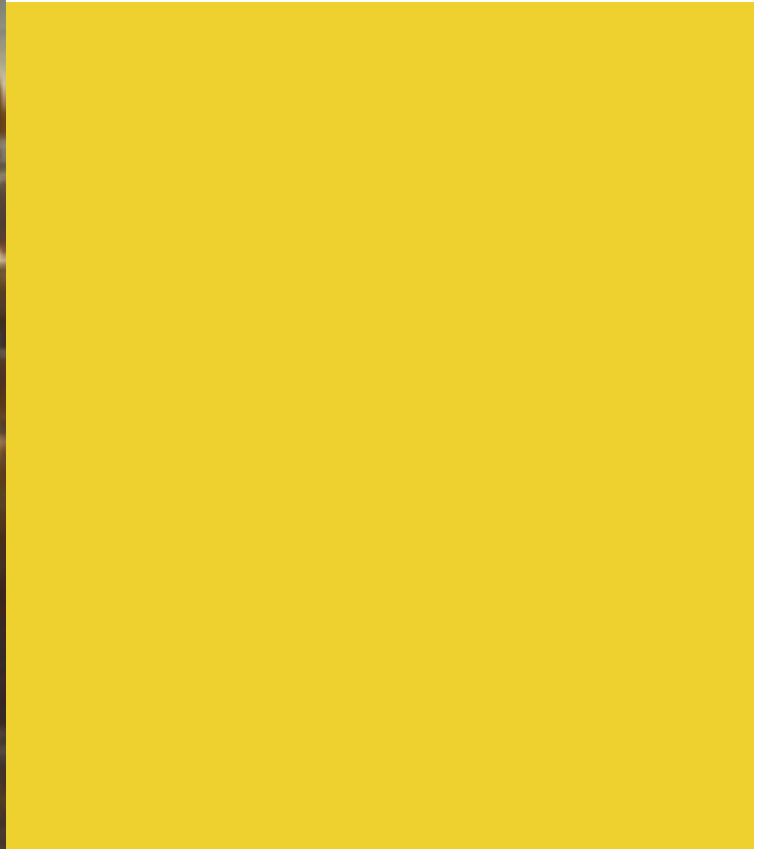
- Increasing tension and competition between Athens & Sparta; Sparta resentful of Athens increasing power
- Other city-states feared Athens
- Athens now a great naval empire, not merely a city-state
- Athenians moving into other city-states
- Pericles punished city-states that resisted Athens' decisions in the Delian League



# SPARTA'S RESPONSE...

- Formed the Peloponnesian League
- Declared war on Athens in 431 BCE







# STRATEGIES

- Sparta: Cut off Athenian food supply by destroying crops
- Athens: Avoid land battles; let Sparta destroy the crops— live off the sea; bring people living in rural areas into the city to be protected by city walls



# RESULTS...

- Athens became badly overcrowded
- A plague overtook the city, killing 1/3 of its population & soldiers (including Pericles)
- Athens surrendered to Sparta in 404 BCE.



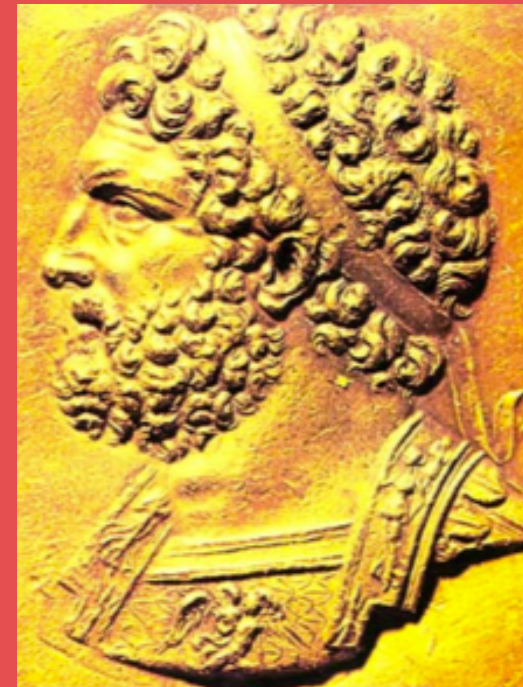
# CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR...

- ...crops destroyed
- ...the plague
- ...cities destroyed
- ...all city-states lost military power
- ...all city-states lost economic power
- ...thousands of Greeks dead
- ...loss of power
- ...loss of prestige
- ...weakened all city-states for 50 years



# BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY...

...were left vulnerable to attack!



Philip II of Macedonia

Moral of the Story: Countries that wage war may lose power and prestige instead of gaining it.



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