

# The Peloponnesian War

GREAT BOOKS, BIG IDEAS

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# The Peloponnesian War: Timeline

480–479: Great Persian War

478: Foundation of Delian League

460–446: First Peloponnesian War

431–404: (Second) Peloponnesian War

431–421: *Archidamian War*

421–414: *Peace of Nicias*

414–404: *Dekeleian-Ionian War*

404–403: 30 Tyrants, Athenian Civil War

399: Death of Socrates

} Pentecontaetia



ADRIATIC SEA

PROPONTIS

AEGEAN SEA

IONIC SEA

LOCRIS

ATTICA

DODECANESIAN ISLANDS

Kythira

Karpathos

Kerkyra

Leucas

Cephalonia

Zakynthos

Methone

Amphipolis 436

Elon 476/5

Stageira

Olynthus

Potidaea 432

Torone

Mende

Oreos 446

Euboea

Chalcis 446

Eretria

Aegina 456

Salamis

Athens

Keos

Kythnos

Delos

Naxos 468

Seriphos

Siphnos

Sikinos

Melos

Los

Anafi

Thera

Abdera

Thasos 465/3

Maroneia

Samothrace

Imbros

Lehmnos

Halonnesus

Tenedos

Assos

Lesbos

Mytilene

Chios

Erythrae

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Ikarios

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Andros

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Lampsacus

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# The Athenian Empire at its height (about 450 B.C.)





MER ADRIATIQUE

ÉPIRE

THESSALIE

THRACE

Royaume Odryse

MACEDONIA

EMPIRE PERSIA

STOLE

LOCRIDE

PHOCIS

BOEOTIA

ATHENS

CEPHALLANIA

ACHAIA

ARCADIA

ARGOS

KEOS

ANDROS

MYKONOS

PATMOS

LEROS

KALYMNOS

HALICARNASSUS

CNIDUS

NYSIROS

TELLOS

CAMIROS

LINDOS

SPHACTERIA (425)

MESSENIA

SPARTA

PYLOS

EPIDAUROS

KYTHNOS

DELLOS

PAROS

SIKINOS

MELLOS

AMORGOS

ASTYPALÉE

LOLOS

ANAFI

THERA

KARPATHOS

ABDERA

MARONEA

PERINTHUS

PROCONNESUS

CYZICUS (410)

DASKYLEION

BYZANTIUM

ASTAKOS

AMPHIPOLIS (422)

THASOS

ABYDOS

AIGOS-POTAMOS (405)

SKEPSIS

LAMPUSACUS

ADRAMYTTION

PERGAMON

PELLA

METHONE

VERGINA

OLYNTHUS

POTIDAEA

STRAND

MENDE

ASSO

LESBOS

MYTILENE

LARISSA

PERIPHERY

PAGASA

SKIAETHOS

IKKOS

PEPARÉTHOS

SKYROS

ARGINUSAE ISLANDS (406)

PHOCAEA

SARDIS

AMBRACIA

DELPHI

THEBES

DELIURH (424)

ATHENS

CARYSTOS

CHALCIS

ERETRIA

CHIOS

ERITREA

CLAZOMENAE

SMYRNA

EPHESUS

PRIENE

LEFKADA

PATRAS

MEGARA

CORINTH

MEGARA

ATHENS

CORINTH

MEGARA

ANDROS

IKAROS

SAMOS

SAMOS

MILETUS

IASOS

CEPHALLANIA

ZACYNTHUS

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MANTINEA (418)

ARGOS

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# PELOPONNESIAN WAR

Walls Protecting the City and Port,  
431 B.C.



SCALE OF MILES



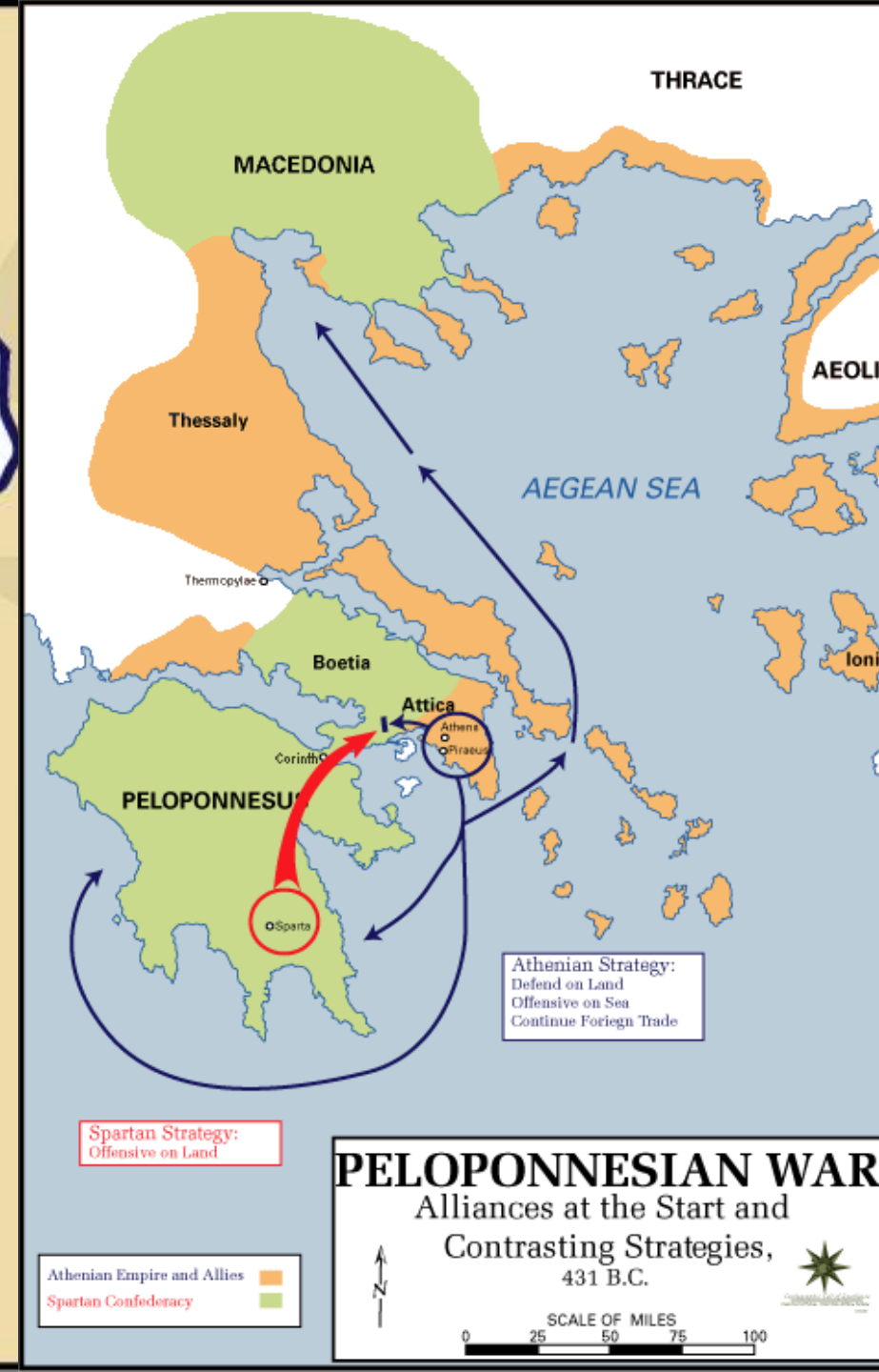
Athens

North Long Wall

South Long Wall

Piraeus

Phalerum



THRACE

MACEDONIA

Thessaly

AEGEAN SEA

AEOLIA

Thermopylae

Boeotia

Attica

Corinth

PELOPONNESUS

Sparta

Athens

Piraeus

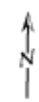
Athenian Strategy:  
Defend on Land  
Offensive on Sea  
Continue Foreign Trade

Spartan Strategy:  
Offensive on Land

Athenian Empire and Allies  
Spartan Confederacy

# PELOPONNESIAN WAR

Alliances at the Start and  
Contrasting Strategies,  
431 B.C.



SCALE OF MILES

