

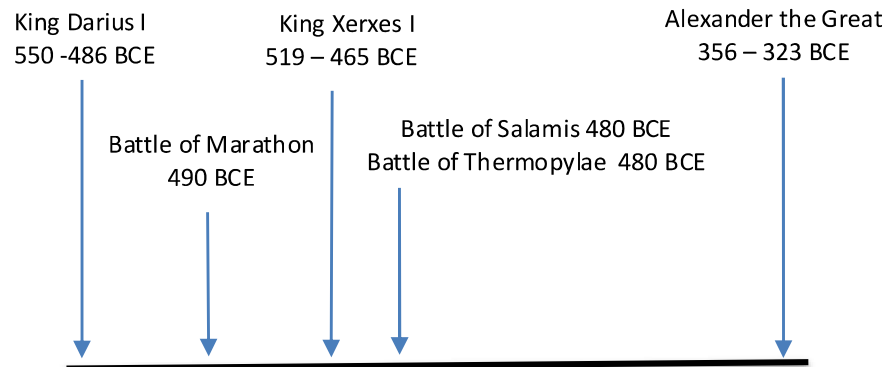
Knowledge Organiser Year 4 History: Ancient Greece

Tier 3 Vocabulary	
Civilisation	The culture and way of life of a society or country during a period in time.
Empire	A group of states ruled by a single monarch.
City-state	A city and the area around it with an independent government.
Direct Democracy	A system of government where all citizens vote directly on proposed laws. In Athens only free men were considered citizens.
Boule	The ruling council of Athens made up of 500 elected representatives.
Ecclesia	Assembly of citizens that voted on new laws proposed by the Boule.
Hoplite	A heavily armoured foot soldier.
Phalanx	A military formation used by Alexander the Great.
Trireme	An oar-powered warship used by Athenians and Persians.

How did Ancient Greece evolve from city-states to an empire?



Key People and Places	
King Alexander III of Macedon (Alexander the Great)	King of Macedonia. Leader of the Greeks. Conqueror of the Persian Empire.
King Darius I	Ruler of Persia who attempted to conquer Greece.
King Xerxes I	Son of Darius, commander of the Persian army.
Athens	The largest and most powerful city state, ruled by its people as a democracy.
Sparta	A military state surrounded by mountains.
Macedonia	A city-state in Northern Greece. Birthplace of Alexander the Great.
Persian Empire	The largest and most powerful empire in the world at the time of the Persian Wars.



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