

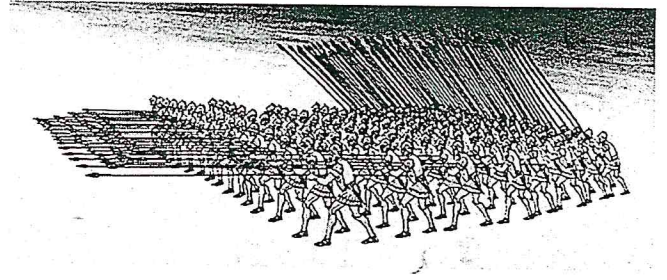
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Directions: Read and Annotate the following article (Talk to the text). Then answer the following questions about the reading using complete sentences.

Athens and Sparta at war

The Spartans believed that the Athenians wanted to take charge of all of the city-states in Greece, and so they began to fight the Athenians. These were called the Peloponnesian Wars, and they lasted from 431 - 404 BC.

The battles were fierce, and both states used a method of fighting where the foot soldiers formed a **phalanx**. This was a block of soldiers who marched at the enemy together. The first rows would put down their spears and attack, and if any of these soldiers were killed or injured, then the man marching behind would step into his place.



The well-trained Spartans eventually defeated the Athenians, but after the Peloponnesian Wars other city-states all began to squabble between one another. In the northeast of Greece was the kingdom of Macedonia, ruled by King Philip II. In the middle of the chaos, he took control of Greece in 338 B.C., and then planned to attack the enemy of the Macedonians and the Greeks, Persians. Philip was assassinated before he could put his plan into action, but his son Alexander, who became known as **Alexander the Great**, conquered a great empire which stretched from Greece in the west to India in the east.

1. What kinds of things were happening in your mind as you read this?
2. What did you do that helped you understand the reading?
3. What questions or problems do you still have with this piece?
4. In your own words, write one or two sentences that tell the most important ideas in this piece.

5. This piece was (circle one): Easy OK Too Hard
6. How well would you say you understood this piece?
Circle One: Easy OK Too Hard