

This is an abbreviated sample of a List of Greek Characters

Persian War (500 to 460 B.C.)

Character	Date(B.C.)	Description
Pheidippides	died 490	Ran from Athens to Sparta to warn of Persians. Ran to Athens after Marathon, then died.
Mardonius	died 489	Brother-in-law, and Commander and Chief of Xerxes's Army.
Miltiades	died 489	Athenian General who led Greece to great victory at the Battle of Marathon.
Gelon	died 478	Tyrant of Syracuse who succeeded Hippocrates. Defeated the Carthaginians at Himera in B.C. 480.
Xerxes	520–465	Raised an enormous army for Persian invasion of Greece. Defeated at Battle of Salamis.
Pythagoras	570–480	Philosopher and mathematician; invented the Pythagorean Theorem.
Leonidas	died 480	Spartan King whose whole army died defending the pass of Thermopylae.
Artemisia	fl. 480	Queen of Halicarnassas and Cos. One of Xerxes most trusted advisors and Generals.
Demaratus	fl. 480	Exiled King of Sparta, advisor to Xerxes during his invasion of Greece.
Eurybiades	fl. 480	Head of Spartan Fleet during the Persian War.
Pausanias	died 470	Spartan General who led Greece against Mardonius at the Battle of Plataea.
Aristides	died 468	Athenian General and Statesman. Fought at Marathon, Salamis; created Delian League.
Themistocles	525–462	Athenian Hero of the Battle of Salamis. He masterminded Athenian Naval supremacy.
Aeschylus	525–456	First of the three great Greek Tragedians. Wrote plays including the tragedies of Oedipus and Antigone.