

Note Sheet

Quiz #14

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Greek Thinkers

- Ancient Greeks were the first to study the past in an organized way.
 - Herodotus - “Father of History” I traveled the known world, saw the Hanging Gardens, and wrote the oldest surviving book on history.
 - Though I sometimes added stories that were not true.
 - Thucydides – I recorded events of my own day, especially the wars between the city-states like an Ancient Greek reporter.
- 3 Great Greek Philosophers
 - Socrates- asked “why” all the time. I loved Athens, but was later sentenced to death for corrupting the youth and questioning the gods.
 - Plato – student of Socrates and wrote his ideas down. I also wrote *The Republic* that questioned democracy and a school called The Academy.
 - Aristotle – student of Plato, “Father of Political Science” I started a school called The Lyceum and Alexander the Great was my student.
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The Peloponnesian War

- The Delian League was a defensive alliance of city-states led by Athens
- The Spartans disliked Athenian power over other city-states
- Sparta and Athens and their allies go to war
- Athens falls to Sparta
 - Athens suffered a plague that killed a quarter (1/4th) of its population
 - Athens suffered a great defeat at Syracuse
 - Sparta built a strong navy to now fight Athens at sea.
 - Sparta Blockaded (surrounded) Athens

Alexander the Great

- Taught by Aristotle
- A brilliant General and king of Macedonia
- Conquered most of the known world (at that time).
 - From Greece to India
- His men eventually got tired of conquering land and refused to fight anymore.
 - Died mysteriously with a fever in Babylon at age 32.