

Dates	Events	Individuals
499-493	The Ionian Revolt – first round in the conflict between the Greeks and the Persians.	Greek tyrant of Miletus (Asia Minor) - Aristagoras Persian governor (Satrap) of Sardis - Artaphernes
492	First Persian expedition against Greece aborted in Macedonia.	Persian commander - Mardonius
490	First Invasion of Greece – sea route across Aegean Sea. Hippias, ex-tyrant of Athens, guided Persians to Marathon – the Persians defeated by the Athenians at the Battle of Marathon.	Persian commanders - Datis and Artaphernes . Athenian general - Miltiades Athenian polemarch - Callimachus.
487	Further democratic changes in Athens - archons appointed by lot and strategoi replace the polemarch. War between Athens and Aegina.	
482	The development of an Athenian navy Sparta assumed the leadership of a league of Greek states to defend Greece against the Persians.	Themistocles the Athenian
480	The Second Persian invasion of Greece - combined land and sea attack. The Battle of Thermopylae - Persian victory The evacuation and Persian destruction of Athens The Battle of Salamis - Greek victory	Persian king - Xerxes Persian commander - Mardonius Athenians - Themistocles and Aristides Spartan king - Leonidas, Spartan commander - Eurybiades.
479	The Battles of Plataea and Mycale - Greek victory	Spartan king - Pausanias Spartan king-Leotychides
478	Spartan leadership rejected by the Aegean Greeks. Athens chosen as leader	Spartan king - Pausanias
477	The formation of a naval league of Aegean states under the leadership of Athens (Delian League) centred on the holy island of Delos.	Athenian leader - Aristides
476/5	The Delian League forces captured Eion from the Persians	Athenian general - Cimon
474	The Delian League forces captured the island of Scyrus	Athenian general - Cimon

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472	<p>The anti-Spartan Themistocles ostracised from Athens.</p> <p>The Athenians used the league forces to reduce the city of Carystus and forced it to join the league.</p>	<p>Themistocles</p> <p>Athenian general - Cimon</p>
470/69	<p>Naxos revolted from the league - punished by having its status reduced to that of a subject member.</p>	<p>Athenian general - Cimon</p>
468	<p>The Persians defeated in Asia Minor at the Battle of Eurymedon - the immediate threat of Persia in the Aegean was over.</p>	<p>Athenian general - Cimon</p>
465	<p>Athens began to transform the Delian League into an Athenian Empire. This was evident with the revolt of Thasos, another prominent member of the league. The league forces placed it under siege. The Spartans had secretly offered help. This did not eventuate.</p>	<p>Athenian general - Cimon</p>
464	<p>An earthquake in Sparta provides the opportunity for the Messenian helots to revolt against Spartan control.</p>	
463	<p>Another democratic reform introduced in Athens - the Council of the Areopagus was deprived of its powers.</p> <p>Athenians under the influence of the pro-Spartan, Cimon, offered help to Sparta. This was rejected.</p>	<p>Ephialtes and Pericles</p> <p>Cimon</p>
462	<p>Another democratic reform in Athens - pay granted for jurors.</p>	<p>Ephialtes and Pericles</p>
461	<p>The pro-Spartan Cimon ostracised from Athens.</p> <p>The radical democrats come to the fore in Athens. Ephialtes murdered.</p>	<p>Cimon</p> <p>Ephialtes</p>
460	<p>Athens formed an alliance with Argos, Sparta's traditional enemy.</p>	
459	<p>The Delian League forces campaign against Persia in Cyprus and Egypt.</p>	
457/6	<p>Athens conquered Aegina, a member of the Peloponnesian League</p>	<p>Pericles</p>
456/5	<p>Troezen and Achaia in the Peloponnese, were brought under Athenian control.</p>	<p>Pericles</p>

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454	<p>The Athenians sent a military expedition into the Corinthian Gulf.</p> <p>The treasury of the Delian League was moved from Delos to Athens.</p>	Pericles
453	The Erythrae Decree - this continued the process of turning the Delian League into an Athenian Empire.	Pericles
451	A Five Year Truce was signed between the Athenians and the Peloponnesians.	Pericles
451/50	A decree was passed requiring Athenian parentage on both sides for citizenship.	Pericles
450/49	Cimon recalled from exile to lead forces again but died soon after.	Cimon
449	Peace negotiated with Persia.	Athenian archon - Callias

Figure 2 Places mentioned in the time chart



