

## CONCISE TIMELINE OF ATHENS DURING THE PELOPONNESIAN WAR

	POLITICAL & MILITARY EVENTS	CULTURAL EVENTS
432	Revolt of Potidaea. The 'Megarian decree' passed at Athens. Peloponnesian League declares for war.	<b>Phidias</b> completes the Parthenon frieze and the pediments of the Parthenon. Athens bans teaching of atheism.
<b>THE ARCHIDAMIAN WAR (431-421)</b>		
431	First Peloponnesian invasion of Attica (May). <b>Pericles'</b> Funeral Oration.	<b>Euripides</b> <i>Medea</i> (3rd)
430	Plague strikes Athens (430-427).	
429	<b>Pericles</b> dies from plague.	<b>Sophocles'</b> <i>Oedipus Rex</i> and <i>Trachiniae</i> after this date (?).
428	Revolt of Mytilene.	<b>Euripides</b> <i>Hippolytus</i> (1st). <b>Plato</b> and <b>Xenophon</b> born this year or the next or the next.
427	Athenians purify Delos. End of the Athenian plague.	Visit by <b>Gorgias</b> to Athens promotes popularity of Sophism.
425	Athenians capture of Spartans on Sphacteria. Triumph of the democracy in Corcyra.	<b>Aristophanes</b> <i>Acharnians</i> (1st)
424	Boeotians defeat Athenians at Delium, during which <b>Alcibiades</b> rescues <b>Socrates</b> . Peace of <b>Callias</b> renewed between Athens and Persia.	<b>Aristophanes</b> <i>Knights</i> ; <b>Euripides</b> <i>Hecuba</i> ; <i>Supplikes</i> [421]
423		<b>Aristophanes</b> <i>Clouds</i> (3rd)
422	Battle of Amphipolis. Death of <b>Brasidas</b> and <b>Cleon</b> .	<b>Aristophanes</b> <i>Wasps</i>
421	Peace of <b>Nicias</b> (March) ends the Archidamian War (431-421).	<b>Aristophanes</b> <i>Peace</i> (2nd); Construction of Erechtheum begins (421-405)
416	Athenian conquest of Melos.	
415	Mutilation of the Hermes. Athenian Sicilian Expedition begins. <b>Alcibiades</b> defects to Sparta.	<b>Euripides</b> <i>The Trojan Women</i>
414	Athenian siege of Syracuse.	<b>Aristophanes</b> <i>Birds</i> (2nd at Dionysia)
<b>THE DECELEAN OR IONIAN WAR (413-404/3)</b>		
413	Spartans occupy Decelea beginning the <i>Decelean or Ionian War</i> (413-404). Destruction of the Sicilian expedition.	
412	Revolt of Athenian allies. Treaty of Miletus between Sparta and Persia. <b>Alcibiades</b> leaves Sparta.	
411	Persia begins to support Spartan navy. Athenian <i>Council of Four Hundred</i> overthrown by the <i>Five Thousand</i> .	<b>Aristophanes</b> <i>Lysistrata</i> and <i>Thesmophoriazusae</i> .
410	Battle of Cyzicus. Restoration of Democracy at Athens.	
407	Athens recovers Thasos. <b>Alcibiades</b> at Athens.	
406	Battles of Notion and Arginusae. Trial of the Generals.	<b>Euripides</b> dies in Macedonia
405	Battle of Aegospotami (end of summer). Blockade of Athens (405-404)	<b>Sophocles</b> dies. <b>Aristophanes</b> <i>Frogs</i> (1st at Lenaea)
404	The Peloponnesian War ends with the victory of Sparta over Athens. Long Walls pulled down (April). Rule of the Thirty. Tyrants supported by Spartan garrison.	<b>Lysias'</b> property confiscated and his brother killed by the Thirty.
403	<b>Thrasybulus</b> deposes Thirty Tyants and restores democracy.	