Instructions

Read the information carefully and then answer the questions below. Use complete sentences where necessary.

Ancient Greece Was a Land of War

Ancient Greece was known for its many wars, which often occurred between city-states. Two of the most famous wars were the Peloponnesian War and the Persian Wars. These conflicts shaped Greek history and influenced the culture, politics, and society of the region.

The Peloponnesian War

The Peloponnesian War (431-404 BC) was fought between Athens and Sparta, two powerful city-states in Ancient Greece. After years of tension, the war broke out, leading to battles, sieges, and various alliances. The war ended with the defeat of Athens, significantly changing the balance of power in the region.

The Persian Wars

The Persian Wars took place from 499-479 BC and were a series of conflicts between the Greek city-states and the Persian Empire. Famous battles such as Marathon and Thermopylae occurred during this time. The Greeks united to fight against the larger Persian forces, showcasing their strength when they worked together.

Questions

1. What were the two major wars discussed in the text?

2. Who were the main city-states involved in the Peloponnesian War?

3. What was the outcome of the Peloponnesian War?

4. Describe one significant battle from the Persian Wars and its importance.

5. How did these wars influence the future of Ancient Greece?

Fun Facts

1. The city-states of Ancient Greece often fought each other but banded together against common

enemies.

2. The Greek victories in the Persian Wars are celebrated as remarkable achievements in the face of overwhelming odds.