

The first democracy begins in Athens.







Persian invaders defeated by the Greeks in the battle of Marathon.

480BC



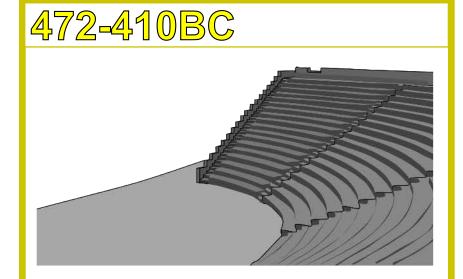
Persian invaders defeated by the Greeks again in the battle of Salamis.

450BC



The powerful city of Athens now controls an empire.





Many famous Greek plays are written and performed at the theatre in Athens.

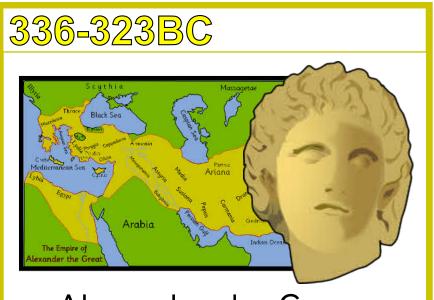












Alexander the Great conquers much of the known world.







Greece is conquered by Rome and becomes part of the Roman Empire.