

To plan and write a retelling.

Yesterday, you read and answered questions about the story of the Battle of Marathon. Today, you will plan and write a retelling of the story. Read the story again so you can remind yourself of the key events and information.

On the next page is a completed plan. You can either use that one, or plan your own in the template provided. Below are the Steps to Success, a word bank and some sentence starters to help you write your retelling.

Steps to Success

- ❖ Past tense
- ❖ Third person
- ❖ Varied sentence openers
- ❖ In time order
- ❖ A range of sentence types (simple, compound and complex)
- ❖ Paragraphs
- ❖ Include details and description of the setting and people

When you have completed your plan, write your retelling in your Home Learning book. You can use the sentence starters and word bank below to help you.

When the Athenians heard...

Unfortunately,

As fast as he could,

Glowing with pride,

Shaking with terror,

Courageously,

Nervously,

On the morning of September 17th,

After helping to defeat the Persians,

When he delivered the news,

Persians	Pheidippides	General	slaughtered
Marathon	Sparta	Miltiades	victory
Athenians	enemies	arranged	exhaustion
democracy	religious	estimated	marched

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Paragraph 1

The Persians landed at Marathon in the autumn of 490 BC
Athenians spoke in an assembly – frightened
Democratically voted to fight back.
The army marched to meet the Persians.



Paragraph 2

Athenians sent a runner (Pheidippides) to Sparta to ask for help.
Sparta = best Greek army and Persian enemy
Pheidippides arrived two days later in Sparta. Ran 150 miles in two days.
Spartans decided not to help because of religious reasons (until moon was full, several days later).



Paragraph 3

Pheidippides delivered the unfortunate news.
Morning of September 17, 490 BC, there were only 10,000 Athenian Hoplites versus 20,000 Persians.
Greek general, Miltiades, created a military plan of attack.
6,400 Persians slaughtered. 192 Greeks killed. Persians ran back to their ships and sailed away.



Paragraph 4

Pheidippides ran 26 miles to Athens to tell the people about the victory.
Died of exhaustion
Marathon = name of race now.

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Paragraph 1



Paragraph 2



Paragraph 3



Paragraph 4