

Mild question answers

1. Where did the Persians land?

The Persians landed in Marathon in Greece.

2. When did the Persians land?

The Persians landed in the autumn of 490BC.

3. How did many Athenians feel about the Persians?

The Athenians felt frightened of the Persians as they thought they would kill them all.

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Pheidippides was sent to Sparta to ask for help.

5. How far did he have to run to Sparta?

Pheidippides had to run 150 miles to Sparta.

6. Why did the Spartans not help the Athenians?

The Spartans did not help the Athenians because of religious reasons. They could not send help until the moon was full, several days later.

7. What date did the Battle of Marathon happen?

The Battle of Marathon happened on September 17th, 490 BC.

8. How many soldiers were in each army?

In the Persian army there were 20,000 soldiers and in the Athenian army there were 10,000 soldiers.

9. How did the Athenian army defeat the Persians?

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9. How do you think Pheidippides felt when he was asked to deliver the good news?

He could have felt proud of the army and happy, however he would have also felt exhausted because he had run so far over just a few days.

10. On the morning of the battle, how do you think the soldiers would have felt?

Think about it from both the Persian and Athenian perspectives.

Athenian: Scared, outnumbered, petrified, perhaps braver after Miltiades organised his troops.

Persian: Brave, confident, unworried, excited