

Year 4, Week 1, Monday

English Comprehension – To find information in a text.

This week, we will be learning about the Ancient Greek Battle of Marathon. You will also be learning about the battle in your history lesson this week. First, read the text and use a dictionary to find the meanings of any unfamiliar words.

If you can, watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNAXqaoPLO0> for a Horrible Histories video about the battle. Read 'The Battle of Marathon' and then answer the questions below.

Choose your level of challenge and then answer the questions, in full sentences, in your Home Learning book.

Mild questions

1. Where did the Persians land?

The Persians landed in...

2. When did the Persians land?

The Persians landed in...

3. How did many Athenians feel about the Persians?

The Athenians felt...

4. Who was sent to Sparta to ask for help?

___ was sent to Sparta to ask for help.

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

___ had to run ___ miles to Sparta.

6. Why did the Spartans not help the Athenians?

The Spartans did not help the Athenians because...

7. What date did the Battle of Marathon happen?

The Battle of Marathon happened on...

8. How many soldiers were in each army?

In the Persian army there were ___ soldiers and in the Athenian army...

9. How did the Athenian army defeat the Persians?

The Athenian army defeated the Persian army by...

10. What happened to Pheidippides when he delivered the news to Athens?

When Pheidippides delivered the news to Athens...

Spicy/hot questions

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7. How did the Athenian army defeat the Persians?

8. What happened to Pheidippides when he delivered the news to Athens?

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

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.