

CONCISE TIMELINE FOR THE GOLDEN AGE OF ATHENS

	POLITICAL & MILITARY EVENTS	CULTURAL EVENTS
800-700 BCE	Process of Synoikism in Attica	Epics by Homer and Hesiod ; early lyric poets like Archilochus and Alcman active
632	Cylonian Conspiracy; Curse of the Alcmaeonids	
620s	Laws of Draco	Athenian black-figure pottery begins
594	Archonship of Solon	Milesian Philosophy begins
561-528	Tyranny of Peisistratos (often interrupted)	Invention of Athenian red-figure pottery
514/510	Assassination of Hipparchos; Overthrow of the tyrant Hippias	
508	Reforms of Cleisthenes	
499-494	Ionian Revolt	Death of Pythagoras
490	Darius' Invasion of Eretria and Athens; Battle of Maraton	Birth of Zeno
482	Laurion Silver Strike (\$\$\$); Athens builds fleet	
480	Xerxes' Invasion of Greece; Battles of Thermopylae and Salamis	Death of Xenophanes
479	Battles of Plataea and Mycale	
478/7	Formation of the Delian League; Cimon ascendent in Athens	Death of Heraclitus
Early 460s	Athens annihilates Persian fleet at Battle of Eurymedon	
462/1	Massive earthquake in Sparta; Cimon ostracized	
458/7	Athens defeated at Battle of Tanagra, part of series of wars with Sparta and Persia (461-445); Pericles is preeminent throughout this period	Aeschylus Oresteia ; Aeschylus dies in 456
454	Athenians move Delian Treasury to Athens	
451/50	Athens and Sparta sign peace treaty	Parmenides dies; Protagoras visits Athens
449	Peace Treaty of Callias between Persia and Athens	
446/5	Athens and Sparta sign 30 Years Peace; Long Walls completed	
432	Peloponnesian League declares for war, beginning the Archidamian War (431-421)	Phidias completes the Parthenon; Athens bans teaching of atheism
430	Plague strikes Athens (430-427)	Sophocles' Oedipus Rex
427	Athenians purify Delos. End of the Athenian plague.	Visit by Gorgias to Athens promotes popularity of Sophism
425	Athenians capture of Spartans on Sphacteria. Triumph of the democracy in Corcyra.	Aristophanes Acharnians (1st); death of Herodotus
423/2	Battle of Amphipolis. Death of Brasidas and Cleon .	Aristophanes Clouds (3rd); Thucydides exiled
421	Peace of Nicias (March) ends the Archidamian War (431-421)	Aristophanes Peace (2nd); Construction of Erechtheum begins (421-405)
415	Mutilation of the Hermes; Athenian Sicilian Expedition begins; Alcibiades defects to Sparta	Euripides The Trojan Women
413	Spartans occupy Decelea beginning the <i>Decelean or Ionian War</i> (413-404); Destruction of the Sicilian expedition	
412	Mass revolt of Athenian allies	
411	Persia begins to support Spartan navy; Athenian <i>Council of Four Hundred</i> overthrown by the <i>Five Thousand</i>	Aristophanes Lysistrata
406	Battles of Notion and Arginusae. Trial of the Generals.	Euripides dies in Macedonia
405	Battle of Aegospotami (end of summer); Blockade of Athens	Sophocles dies
404	The Peloponnesian War ends with the victory of Sparta over Athens; Long Walls pulled down (April); Rule of the Thirty Tyrants supported by Spartan garrison	Lysias' property confiscated and his brother killed by the Thirty
403	Thrasybulus deposes Thirty Tyrants and restores democracy	