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(Battle of Marathon)

MARATONEM

490 p.n.e



The first days of August 490 BC -  
the coast of Attica



We reached  
the  
shore!

12 days  
later...

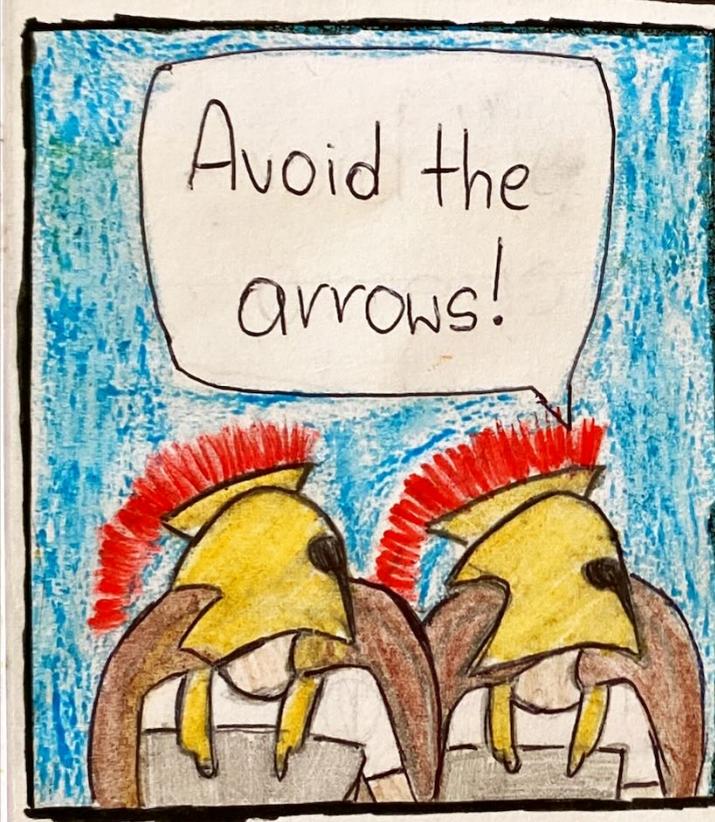


Form a  
phalanx!

YES  
SIR!



TO THE  
BATTLE!



You have been surrounded



Give up this fight!



Soldiers,  
retreat!





Only a few of them made it to the ship



## I phase of the battle

The Athenian leader Miltiades ordered the Hoplites to form a phalanx that was nearly 1.5 km long. In the middle of the array the phalanx consisted of 4 rows of heavily armed infantry, and on the wings - of 8 rows.

## II phase of the battle

The Greeks were the first to attack. In a short time they overcame the area where they were exposed to the fire of Persian archers. The Persians have struck the center of the Greek phalanx. The Athenian resistance was weakest there and soon they began to retreat. Meanwhile, the hoplites, fighting on the wings, quickly gained an advantage over the enemy, surrounding him from two sides.

## III phase of the battle

The Persians are trapped. Some of them, panicked, ran away. However, few managed to reach the ships. Most of the escapees drowned in a nearby swamp.

The battle of Marathon ended in a great victory for the Athenians. 492 Greeks and 6,400 Persians were killed.