The bronze prow of the trireme smashed into enemy ships.
The Delian League and the Peloponnesian War. When Athens turned the Delian League into its own empire, the resulting war pitted the Attica city-state against the combined forces of Sparta and Persia.
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Athenian Empire and Allies
Spartan Confederacy

Athenian Strategy:
Defend on Land
Offensive on Sea
Continue Foreign Trade

Spartan Strategy:
Offensive on Land