

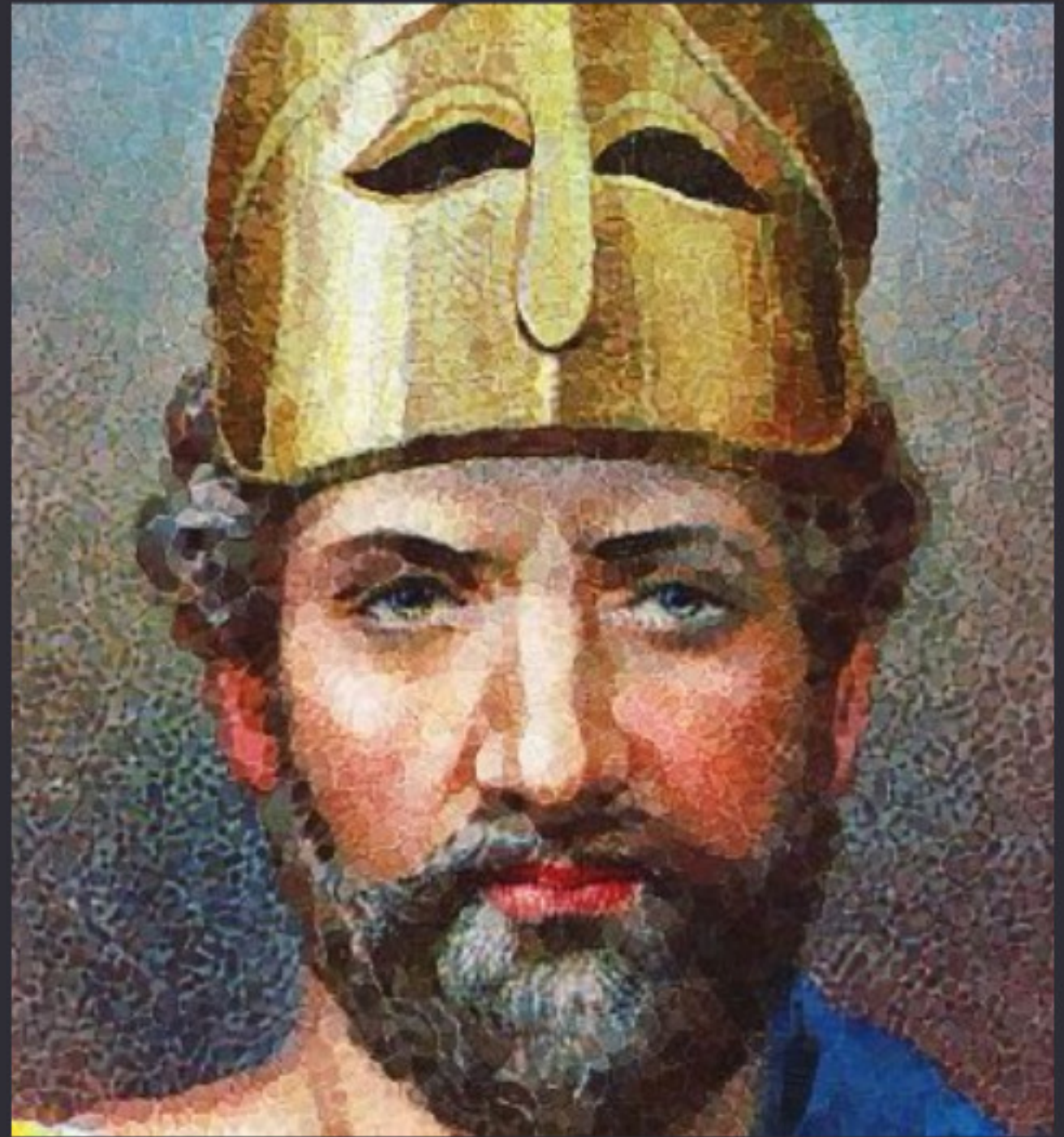
# The Golden Age of Greece





# Pericles

- After the Persian Wars one of Athens' greatest leaders, Pericles emerged.
- By 460 B.C., Pericles was the strongest leader in Athens. He remained the leader until his death 31 years later.
- Pericles had three goals for Athens. The first was to strengthen democracy.





- Pericles (495–429 B.C.)
- Pericles' speaking skills set him apart from other Athenians. He was so skilled that most regarded him as the best speaker of the time.
- Once, Pericles and another Athenian were involved in a wrestling match. Pericles lost. But his powers of speech were so great that he actually convinced the spectators that he won the match, even though they saw him lose!
- His ability to speak so well made it possible for him to persuade Athenian citizens to back his reforms. These reforms brought about major changes in Athenian life.
- He is thought of as one of the greatest leaders of Greece.

# Open Ended Question

**Pericles said "Everyone is equal before the law, What counts in public service is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses." What do you think he meant by that?**



- To spread power more evenly, Pericles changed the rule for holding public office.
- Most public officials were unpaid before he came to power.
- This meant that only wealthy people could afford to serve in government in Athens.
- Pericles increased the number of public officials who were paid. Now even poor citizens could hold a public office if elected or chosen randomly.
- However, to be a citizen an individual had to be a free male, over 18, and the son of Athenian-born parents.



- Greek wealth depended on overseas trade. Athens was determined to protect its overseas trade and its homeland. At the end of the Persian War, the Greek city-states formed a league for mutual protection. It was called the Delian League .
- Athens helped to organize this league. It was called the Delian League because its headquarters and treasury were located at first on the island of Delos. Pericles used money from the league's treasury to build a strong navy.



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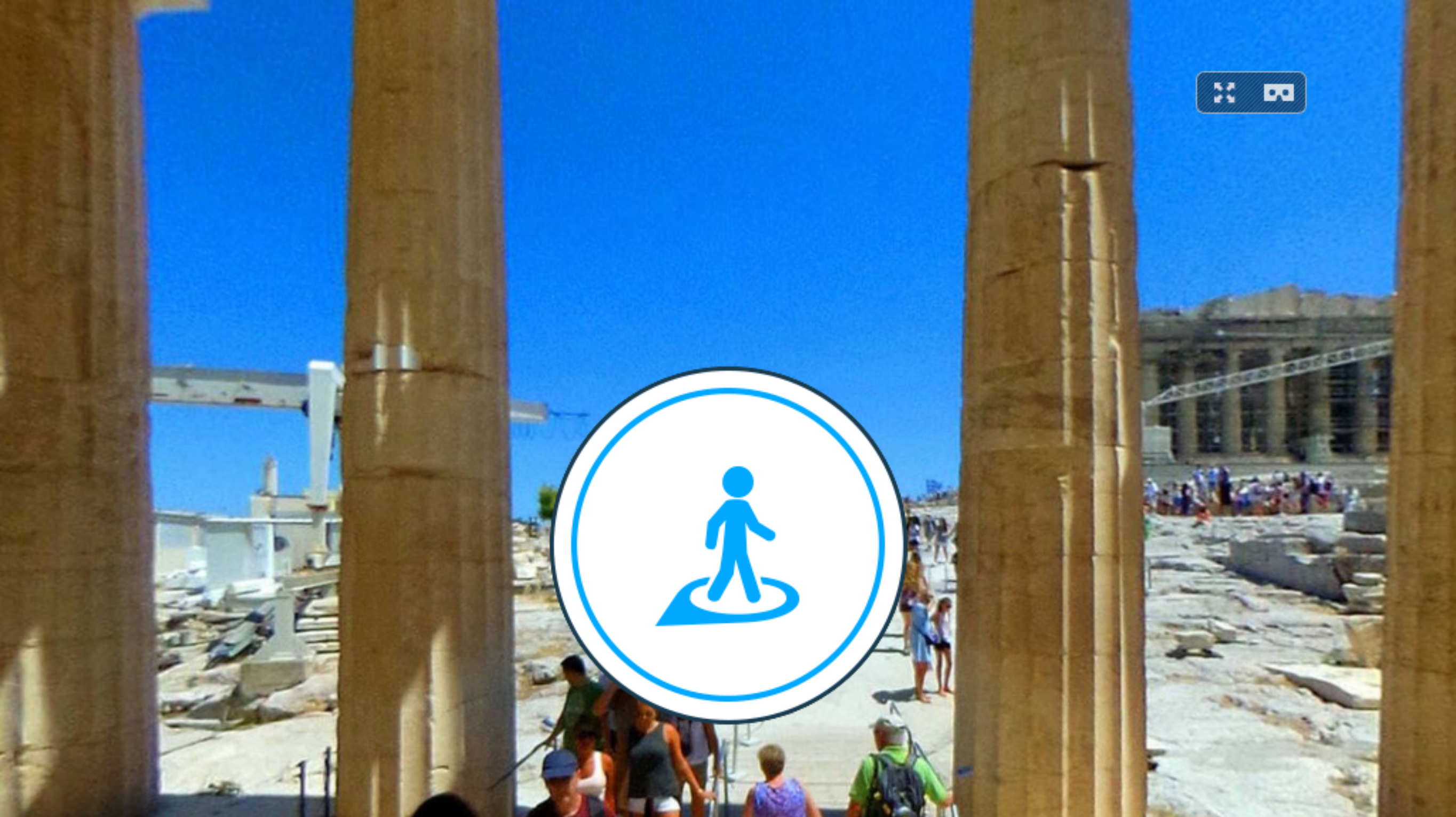


- The fleet of Athens was the strongest in the Mediterranean region. Because Athens now had a superior navy, it took over leadership of the Delian League. In 454 B.C., the Delian League's treasury was moved to Athens.
- The transfer of the Delian League's treasury helped to strengthen Athens' power.
- Athens started treating the other members of the league as if they were conquered people, not allies.
- Eventually, Athens dominated all of the city-states to such an extent that they became part of an Athenian empire.



- Athens was a city in ruins when the war with Persia ended in 480 B.C. Parts of it were burned, and most of the buildings were destroyed. Pericles saw this destruction as a chance to rebuild, glorify, and beautify Athens.
- Rebuilding Athens The Greek city-states paid a tribute to the Delian League organization.
- The funds were supposed to help build the power of the league. Instead, Pericles used these funds to beautify Athens.





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- He did not ask approval from the members of the league to use the money. This action made other city-states angry.
- Pericles spent the money to purchase gold, ivory, and marble to create sculptures and construct beautiful buildings. Pericles also used the money to pay artists, architects, and sculptors for these projects.



# Open Ended Question

**What are some problems do you think might come about because of Pericles using Delian League money for his own needs.**



# Draw It

This is a famous painting of Pericles discussing his plans on using Delian League funds to "fix" Athens with members of the other city-states. Draw what you think these men are thinking and draw a picture yourself, speaking out on what you say in this situation.





Write one thing you learned about the "Golden Age of Athens"



**Collaborate!**

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# Memory Test



