

CHARACTERS—PERSIAN WAR

Character	Date BC	Short Biography
Artaphernes	fl. 500	Satrap of Lydia during Ionian Rebellion. Led Persia at Marathon.
Histiaeus	died 494	Close advisor to Darius, rescued him in Scythia, later rebelled.
Aristagoras	fl. 494	Son-in-law of Histiaeus. Led rebellion of Greeks in Ionia.
Pheidippides	died 490	Ran from Athens to Sparta before Marathon. Ran to Athens after Marathon, then died.
Miltiades	died 489	Athenian General who led Greece to victory at <i>Marathon</i> .
Mardonius	died 489	Brother-in-law of Xerxes; commander-in-chief of Xerxes's Army.
Bulis and Sperthias	fl. 485	Volunteered to sacrifice their lives to the Persian King to expiate the murder of Ambassadors.
Leonidas	died 480	Spartan King whose army died defending pass of Thermopylae.
Artabanus	fl. 480	Brother of Darius. Close advisor to Darius and Xerxes.
Pythius	fl. 480	Satrap who magnificently hosted Xerxes and was repaid by having his eldest son slain.
Artemisia	fl. 480	Queen of Halicarnassas. One of Xerxes most trusted Generals.
Eurybiades	fl. 480	Head of Spartan Fleet during the Persian War.
Pausanias	died 470	Spartan General who led Greece against Mardonius at <i>Plataea</i> .
Xerxes	520–465	Raised an enormous army for Persian invasion of Greece. Defeated at <i>Battle of Salamis</i> .
Themistocles	525–462	Athenian hero of the <i>Battle of Salamis</i> . Masterminded Athenian naval supremacy.
Demaratus	fl. 480	Exiled King of Sparta, advised Xerxes when he invaded Greece.
Aristides	died 468	Athenian General and Statesman. Fought at Marathon, Salamis; created Delian League.