

Previously, we found out about Athens and Sparta as part of our history learning on Ancient Greece.



What can you remember about these two city-states?





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Watch this video and imagine that you are the Spartan warrior. Pause it at various moments to stop and think.

- **How would you be feeling when thousands of enemies are running towards them?**
- **What can you see, hear, touch, taste and smell?**
- **What are you wearing? What is the enemy wearing?**
- **What does the setting look like? What can you see?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdNn5TZu6R8>



On the next page is an example of an opening to a diary. Spend some time identifying which features you can see - try to underline or point out each one.

Which ones do you think are most effective? Why?

Are there any words or phrases you really like and could adapt or use in your own diary entry?



Dear diary,

When I woke up this morning, I heard one of the army generals bellowing at the soldiers. "Wake up Spartans! The Persians are coming!" he yelled. I rose to my feet immediately. This was the day I would finally go to battle. The army general, who was incredibly fearsome, was demanding that we get ready. It was time.

I strode up to the mighty mountainside and glared at the Persian army. Once we got to the frontline of the battlefield, I could hear thousands of Persians charging towards me. The sky was as dark as cold-blooded death.

Skills we want

- Similes
- Fronted adverbials
- Relative clauses
- Adjectives, adverbs and participles
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**Now, begin to write your own diary
using the features you've learnt about
this year.**