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- 1) A ruler who comes to power outside normal, legal political processes. This person may or may not be a benevolent ruler.
- 7) Religion of Persia, founded by Zarathustra
- 9) The name of the capital of Egypt, named for Macedonian general who conquered it. Many places he conquered besides in Egypt all had cities named for him.
- 11) The most outstanding and lasting Greek political innovation
- 12) The name given to Spartan state slaves
- 13) The general and statesman who presided over the Greek golden age
- 14) The capital of the Persian empire
- 17) The name for the city-states that emerged in early Greece
- 20) The name given to the many Persian provinces
- 21) The battle at which Athenian Greeks defeated invading Persians by catching them on the beach and enveloping them
- 22) The political system in which government is ruled by a few powerful, wealthy people
- 23) The \_\_\_\_\_ League was a defensive alliance created by Athens from among neighboring states that bordered the Aegean Sea.

## Down

- 2) The thing that connected all parts of the Persian empire and made it easier to control far flung provinces
- 3) Famous delaying action and last stand of Leonidas and his Spartans happened here
- 4) The name of the empire started first by Cyrus, and later expanded by Darius and Xerxes. It spread from Egypt to India to the Mediterranean.
- 5) In many ways, these athletic games were the one thing all Greeks had in common
- 6) Thermopylae literally means this in Greek
- 8) When the Roman empire split, Greece became part of the eastern part called the \_\_\_\_\_ empire
- 10) The elevated, fortified place in Greek city-states where people could take refuge in the event of an attack, and where trade was conducted down below
- 12) The culture of the Hellenic (or Greek) people, that was spread throughout the ancient world by Alexander the Great
- 15) The rigidly militaristic neighbor and competitor to Athens
- 16) The practice of promoting based on skill rather than lineage or patronage
- 17) All the gods of a people collectively; in Greece, a temple where all gods were worshipped under one roof.
- 18) The great naval battle in which the Greeks under Themistocles defeated Xerxes' Persian fleet happened in the sea straits here
- 19) The process by which a quorum of Athenians could vote to banish for up to ten years anyone they thought was a threat to democracy

**Word Bank: Olympics Hot Gates Polis Persian Empire Thermopylae Hellenism Tyrant Oligarchy Marathon Pericles Helots Alexandria Satrapies Pantheon Salamis Byzantine Sparta Persepolis Royal Road ostracism Acropolis Democracy Delian Meritocracy Zoroastrianism**