

World History

***The Last Stand of the 300* by the History Channel**

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions while you watch the documentary. Turn in this worksheet as you leave at the end of the movie. Questions will follow the order of the movie.

- 1. During this historic battle, who was the leader of the Persian Empire? What motivated him to attack Greece?**

- 2. The Persian Empire was the largest of its day. Its borders stretched between which two rivers?**

- 3. How did the geography of Thermopylae help the Greek army that outnumbered 50:1 by the Persian army?**

- 4. What was significant about a united Greek army fighting the Persians?**

- 5. Describe the military training of Spartan boys from birth to age 18.**

11. How did Athenian naval commander Themistocles convince the Athenians to invest in a naval build up?

12. The Athenian navy was outnumbered by the Persian navy. How did Themistocles schedule his attack to overcome this disadvantage?

13. At the end of the first day of land battle, who had the advantage? Who had the naval advantage?

14. Who were the Immortals? How were they dressed for battle?

15. What did Xerxes discover that would become the turning point of the battle?

16. The 300 Spartans were not alone on the final day of battle. Who stayed behind and fought to the death with the Spartans against the Persians?

17. What are two reasons that might have encouraged Leonidas to stay behind and fight even though he knew death was eminent?

18. When Themistocles and the navy gets back to Athens, what does he encourage the Athenians to do that will help when the Persians come to burn the city?

19. After the Greeks defeat the Persian navy at the Strait of Salamis, the Greeks chase the Persians back to Asia. What do Greek soldiers keep as trophies?

20. Although the Spartans were defeated at Thermopylae, the battle was a victory for Greek culture and Western Civilization. Why?