

## THE FIRST MARATHON

Click on Pheidippides, watch the video and answer the questions.



Watch the story and put the sentences in order.

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The Greeks could not wait and attacked the Persian army.

Pheidippides ran 40 kilometres to Athens to tell them that the Persians were coming.

1 In 490 BC there was a big war between the Persians and the Greeks.

The Persians tried to go to Athens to capture the Greek women, children and old people.

From this great event, the first marathon of the modern Olympic Games was run in 1896.

But the Spartans would not fight until there was a full moon.

The Greeks sent a messenger, Pheidippides, to Sparta to get help.

The Greeks won; 6,400 Persians were killed but only 192 Greeks died.

Watch the story. Write the missing words in the sentences.

- a. The Greek soldiers waited on top of the \_\_\_\_\_ hill \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The Persian \_\_\_\_\_ waited on the plain of Marathon below.
- c. Pheidippides ran for two days over the \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Pheidippides returned to \_\_\_\_\_ alone.
- e. The Persians ran to their \_\_\_\_\_ and tried to escape.
- f. He arrived at the city gates very \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. The first marathon race was won by a \_\_\_\_\_ runner, Spiridon Louis.
- h. He was a \_\_\_\_\_.