

Battle: Battle of Plataea

Year: 479 B.C.E.

Who fought?

Persians and The Greeks (Sparta in the lead)

Cause of War?

Xerxes waited through winter and tried attacking again in the Spring. Wanted a win after his defeat.

Location of Battle?

The town of Plataea near (northwest of) Athens

Military Leaders?

Xerxes and the Spartan generals.

Strategy?

Xerxes took some men back to Hellespont and left others to attack. Sparta was concerned Athens would give in because the Persian had destroyed their city, but Greece united again (80,000 troops) under Sparta's lead.

Outcome?

Greeks defeated Persians, preserving their independence and kept Persia from conquering Europe. Many dead, Athens in ruins. Began to rebuild even better.