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Unit 10 Archaic Greece and Homer

The tales of the Iliad and Odyssey

Were recited by Homer in 8th

Century BC.

These Archaic Greek poems, retold

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without cease,

Are why Homer is known as "the man

who taught Greece."

Unit 11 Greece and the Persian Wars

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Against Persia Ionian Greeks took a

stand,

And in 499 BC conflict began:

To conquer all Greece was king

Darius' aim,

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But Marathon brought brave

Pheidippides fame.

At Thermopylae Xerxes thought

victory complete,

But at Salamis Greek ships destroyed

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Persia's fleet.

Unit 12 The Classical Greek period

In Classical Greece great philosophers

pondered,

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And schoolboys all knew where

Odysseus wandered.

In Athens democracy gave men a

vote,

And poets recited great epics by

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rote.

Pythagoras figured and Socrates

queried,

And over their sculptures the Greek

masters tarried.

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Greek thought from the 4th and 5th

centuries BC

Has been cherished by scholars

throughout history.



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Unit 13 The Peloponnesian Wars

Athens and Sparta were Greek city

states;

The difference between these two

places was great.

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The Spartans were strict, and they

fought without fear,

Ruled by two kings, they held honor

quite dear.

In Athens democracy was more in

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fashion,

And Athenians, too, could fight with

great passion.

By four hundred five BC Athens felt

bleak.

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But the Peloponnesian Wars left both

sides weak.

Unit 14 Alexander the Great

Philip the second of Macedon's son

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Alexander was crowned when not yet

twenty-one.

Bucephalus carried him east with his

troops,

His sword cut the Gordian knot's

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famous loops.

The Balkans and Egypt, then Persia

all fell,

His Empire with each year continued

to swell.

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At death the young conqueror was

thirty-three,

A Hellenized world was his life's

legacy.

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Unit 15 The Republic of Rome

On the banks of the Tiber a wolf

shared her home

With Remus and Romulus: founders of

Rome.



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Descended from Troy, rumored partly

divine,

Romulus started a new royal line.

By five hundred BC a king ruled no

more,

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And consuls and senators came to

the fore