

The Persian Wars 499-449 B.C.

**Lecture Summary:** This lecture covers a few major developments in ancient history all at once: rise of the Persian Empire, the victory of Greece against the Persians, and the development of history as a method to record the events of the past. The three storylines come together in the description and analysis of the Greek victory over Persia in an unlikely upset made possible by forming Hellenic alliances and using brilliant military strategy. We'll end with what the Persian Wars set up in the development of what is called the Classical Age in Greece.