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Pericles, the Delian League, and the Athenian Golden Age

- The Delian League-
 - To get revenge on the Persians
 - Lead by Athens
 - Encouraged revolutions in Persian towns
- Athens grew wealthy from war and conquest
- Established many new colonies loyal to Athens
- War also brought wealth to citizens – join army=more \$
- Athens' allies give tribute (gold, food, materials) rather than troops
- Pericles
 - Leader of Athens
 - Took tribute and rebuilt Athens
 - Turned Athens into an empire
 - Turned allies into subjects under their rule
 - Parthenon
 - Encouraged sculpture, architecture, and philosophy
 - Led for 30 years
 - Removed aristocracy and brought in democracy
- Democracy true power of Athens
 - "All" equal under the law
 - Poor encouraged to participate in government
- Athens' "allies" begin to rebel, ask Sparta for help
- Leads to Peloponnesian War