

# The First Marathon

Battle news turns into a sports event.



The Greeks won a great battle at Marathon.  
The soldier with the news ran so fast that he died!

What I think about the first marathon

# The First Marathon Factfile



The Persians attack the Greeks

A large army of Persians came to Greece in ships.  
It landed on the beach at Marathon.

The Greek soldiers went to meet them.

The Greeks and the Persians fought a battle.

Back with the news

The Greeks won the battle.

Pheidippides was told to run home with the good news.

He ran all the way to Athens. He was very, very tired.

When he arrived, he cried out, "Rejoice! We have won the battle!"

Then he fell down and died.

Why we remember the first marathon

About 100 years ago the Olympic Games were started up again.

A race was held to remember Pheidippides' famous run. It was 26 miles 385 yards long (about 42 kilometres). It was called the marathon.

Nowadays there are marathon races all over the world.

Something to do

1 Look at the picture. Who is lying down?

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2 What good news did Pheidippides bring?

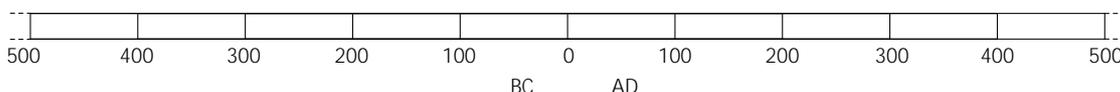
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The first marathon timeline

The Battle of Marathon was fought in 490 BC.

Mark an X on the timeline when the Battle of Marathon was fought.



# The Declaration of Independence

The Americans decided to rule themselves.



The Americans set up their own country.  
They called it the United States of America.

What I think about the Declaration of Independence

# The Declaration of Independence Factfile



## The Americans

Many English people went to live in America.

They had everything they needed – their own towns, churches and farms.

King George was their king. He lived in England.

He was not popular.

## No more George

King George did not do what the Americans wanted. In the end, the Americans got fed up with him.

They set up their own country without a king.

The Americans said this in the Declaration of Independence. It was agreed at Philadelphia in Pennsylvania.

## Why we remember the Declaration of Independence

King George sent soldiers to fight the Americans.

The Americans won the War of Independence.

They were free at last!

5 July is a big festival in the USA. It is called Independence Day.

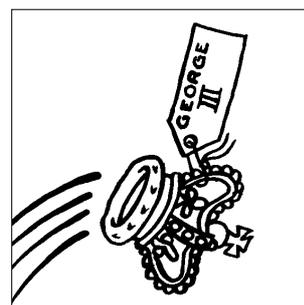
## Something to do

1 Look at the picture. The Americans did not want King

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2 What does Independence Day celebrate?

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## The Declaration of Independence timeline

The Americans declared Independence on 4 July 1775.

Mark an X on the timeline when the Declaration of Independence was made.

