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**The Persian Wars**

The Persian Wars was a period of war lasting for approximately twenty years. During this time, the Greeks struggled to defend off King Darius and later, his son, King Xerxes.

**Part A:** What were the main causes of the Persian Wars?

**Part B:** Identify the winner of each battle fought during the Persian Wars by placing a mark in the appropriate box.

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| **Battle** | **Persians** | **Greeks - Themistocles** |
| Battle of Marathon |  |  |
| Battle of Thermopylae |  |  |
| Battle of Salamis |  |  |
| Battle of Plataea |  |  |

**Part C:** Discuss what you think was the most significant battle in the Persian Wars. Identify two reasons why you think this battle was the most significant.

**Part D:** Explain why the Persian Wars were important to the Greeks. Give at least two details to support your answer.