

# ***Great Battles for Boys: Ancients to Middle Ages***

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## **Student Worksheet**

### **The Battle of Thermopylae**

1. What territory did Persia want?
2. How old were Spartan boys when they were sent to military schools to be trained as warriors?
3. Who won the Battle of Thermopylae?
4. What did Xerxes do when he found out most of the Athens had fled?

### **The Battle of Salamis**

1. What were triremes?
2. Who was the Greeks' naval commander?
3. Who won the Battle of Salamis?

### **The Battle of Issus**

1. Who wanted to stop Alexander the Great's invasion of the Persian Empire?
2. Who won the Battle of Issus?
3. Who was Alexander the Great's tutor?

### **Battle of Cannae - Second Punic Wars**

1. What are mercenaries?
2. Who won the Battle of Cannae?
3. Who won the First and Second Punic Wars?

### **The Battle of Alesia - The Gallic Wars**

1. What was Julius Caesar's plan when he arrived in Alesia?
2. What Roman military leader showed up at Alesia?
3. Who won the battle at Alesia?

## **Battle of Jotapata**

1. What Jewish rebel leader was Titus Flavius Vespasian fighting against?
2. What was the last trick Joseph tried?
3. What happened to Joseph after the Jews were killed by the Romans?

## **The Battle of Tours**

1. What is the historical era of 500 AD to 1500 AD known as?
2. Who was leading the Muslim forces in 732 to conquer and convert the French to Islam?
3. Who was “The Hammer”?
4. What was the significant impact of the Battle of Tours?

## **The Battle of Hastings**

1. What is an heir?

2. How old was William when he became the Duke of Normandy?
3. Who won the Battle of Hastings?

## **The Crusades**

1. Who were the two main religious groups fighting against each other in The Crusades?
2. Who took control of Jerusalem around 1070?
3. Who encouraged Christians to fight back?

## **The Battle of Antioch**

1. What was one of the Crusaders' first objectives?
2. Who was the leader of the Crusaders in Antioch?
3. Who won the Battle of Antioch?

## **The Battle of Stirling Bridge**

1. Who was nicknamed “Toom Tabard” (or “empty coat”)?
2. Who won the Battle of Stirling Bridge?

## **The Siege Vienna**

1. Who led the Turks in the 1500s?
2. What is a “jihad”?
3. What did the Turks do to secretly try to break into Vienna?
4. Who was the unlikely soldier who helped Vienna?

## **The Spanish Armada Invasion of England**

1. What started the conflicts between England and Spain in 1568?
2. What was Spain’s powerful navy called?
3. Who did Queen Elizabeth use to fight the Spanish on the sea until she built a navy?

4. Which country won the battle?

### **In Your Own Words**

What did you learn from the Ancients to Middle Ages battles?

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