

W E D N E S D A Y

LEARNING
OBJECTIVE: TO
WRITE A DIARY
ENTRY ABOUT
THE BATTLE OF
MARATHON



ENGLISH



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Genre

Date

Past tense

Chronological order

Writing/Grammar

I can use full stops and capital letters.

I can use past tense, commands, statements and questions

Genre

First person

Thoughts and feelings

Writing/Grammar

I can use different sentence types including speech and the present perfect tense.

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Time adverbs and conjunctions

Introduction

Writing/Grammar

I can use complex sentences, including speech and present perfect tense

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Present perfect tense



Exclamations



Feelings/thoughts

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Subordinate clause



Present perfect tense



Simile



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See how I am starting at the beginning of the day and following the chronology of events.

A few minutes later, Miltiades marched into our encampment where a few of the soldiers sat guzzling dried nuts and sheep's milk. Everyone's eyes turned to our brave General, who stood silhouetted against the burning light of dawn, his bronze chest plate glimmering in the pale sun.

He barked, "The Spartans will not help us. We must face this fight alone. The Persians may outnumber us, but they can not outwit us. We will show bravery and courage. They will regret the day they ever came on to these shores."

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Inverted commas



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Description



Questions/
commands