



Xenophon Anabasis

Xenophon's Life and Times: Some Important Dates

BC

- 431** Outbreak of Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta
- 430 – 425** Birth of Xenophon (in Athens)
- 423** Birth of Cyrus the Younger
- 413** Destruction of the Athenian expedition to Sicily
- 411 – 410** Athenian democracy overthrown, and oligarchic rule imposed (The 400)
- 410** Democracy restored at Athens
- 407** Cyrus becomes viceroy of Asia Minor
- 406** Athenian victory at the Battle of Arginusae, and the subsequent trial of the generals.
- 405** Artaxerxes II (elder brother of Cyrus) succeeds to the throne of Persia
The Athenian fleet is destroyed by Lysander at Aegospotami
- 404** Athens surrenders to Sparta
The Thirty Tyrants are established at Athens
Xenophon serves in their cavalry (?)
- 401** Xenophon joins the expedition of Cyrus the Younger who is defeated at the Battle of Cunaxa (near Babylon)
Xenophon becomes a general and the Ten Thousand begin their retreat
- 400** The Ten Thousand reach the Black Sea, and continue their retreat to Byzantium
Agesilaus becomes one of Sparta's two kings
- 400 – 399** Xenophon and the Ten Thousand with Seuthes in Thrace
- 399** Xenophon brings the remnant of the Ten Thousand to join the Spartan Thibron in Asia Minor
Socrates is tried and executed in Athens
- 399 – 394** Xenophon serves under the Spartans in Asia Minor
- 395** Outbreak of the Corinthian War: Athens, Corinth and Thebes in coalition against Sparta



- 394** Agesilaus is recalled from Asia Minor to Greece; Xenophon accompanies him
Xenophon fights with Sparta at Coronea; he is formally exiled from Athens (if not already in 399)
- c. 390** Xenophon is granted by Sparta an estate at Scillus, in Elis, near Olympia
- 390 – 371** Xenophon's main writing period
- 386** The 'King's Peace': Sparta withdraws from Asia Minor but retains leadership in Greece
- 382** Sparta seizes Thebes
- 378** Thebes is liberated from Spartan control
- 371** Sparta is defeated by Thebes at Leuctra
Xenophon is expelled from Scillus and withdraws to Corinth
- c.368** Xenophon's banishment from Athens is repealed (or in 362)
- 362** Battle of Mantinea, in which Xenophon's son, Gryllus, dies fighting for Athens
- 360** Death of Agesilaus
- 359/8** Death of Artaxerxes II
- c.354** Death of Xenophon (probably in Corinth)