

# Background to the Persian Wars

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# Lydians

6<sup>th</sup> Century BCE  
Greek City-States  
along the coast of  
Asia Minor come  
under the control  
of the Lydians and  
their King Croesus



# Role of Persians

Persians  
conquered  
Lydia  
546 BCE



# Problem with Persian

- Because of the Persian control rebellions start in 499 BCE
- Leader Aristagoras went to the Spartans for help but they did not help however, Athenians did

# Sardis is burned

- 498BCE the Athenians conquered and burned Sardis, capital of Lydia
- Athenians leave

# Persians re-conquer

- 495 BCE King Darius takes control
- Persians want revenge