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Pericles

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In the Ancient Greece, There were many famous people but one of them was the birth of democracy. The general who had a large role in Peloponnesian war and led Athens was the Golden Age of Athens. He used the power in good point to develop the country more than oppress the people. His policies created the Athens to be the democracy. He tried to give an education and literacy. The famous ancient statues and building were created in this age. The beginning of these were instructed by Pericles (The Olympian)

Pericles (Greek: Περικλῆς, Periklēs, c. 495 – 429 BC) was a son of aristocrat family of Athens. His parents raised him by giving and good education and literacy ^[1]. Furthermore his teacher used to thought philosophy and political. That was the part of impact of his life to be politician. Even Though he was a young, He could showed that he was good at oration. Because of his oration, he soon was famous in the Athens. He finally joined the democrat party. Pericles tried to do not join the social party in order to keep the word. Therefore when he spoken in public, his word had power and could motivate the people to convince what he said. He presently was a good orator of Athens.

¹ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Periclest>

Pericles has a political opponent named Cimon; he was general and leadership of the conservative party. Politics in Athens continued through the counteraction of two parties, democrat party and conservative party. Cimon favored to giving food and items to the poor but Pericles appeased the Athenians by using fund to entered amusing theater and watch theatrical plays without paying^[2]. In the end of election the democrat party of Pericles could conquer the conservative party of Cimon because the oration of Pericles could convince the people that the things he did are good for Athens. As of today, most politicians in the world who have good oration can ease to against the opponent. When Pericles conquers Cimon, he became the man having authority and power in Athens. Cimon betrayed Athens and attained with Sparta^[3]. He was ostracized by Pericles. Pericles continued to establish the huge project such as building Parthenon chapel and many famous statues. Nevertheless, he promoted the Athenians to given them the literacy, education and art. Pericles thought them to know the debate and decision. The finance has been used a lot, so the conservatives of Athens, leading by Thucydides, blamed Pericles that he using extravagant money. Pericles could solved this problem by show that all building he would pay everything but he would signed the name all of building. Athenians wanted to engrave there were name to the statues or the building that them made, so they not compliant about the money used Pericles's project. These projects benefited to the Athenians because it created career and stimulated the economy. Thus they were happy about these projects and believing in Pericles' made.

In military affairs in age of Pericles, Peloponnesian war was caused by Athens alliance. Athens, leading by Pericles, used tyrannical authority to the other countries

² Fornara-Samons, Athens from Cleisthenes to Pericles, 67–73

³ Plutarch, Cimon, XVI

around Athens, therefore these countries had to begged Sparta to solve this problem. Pericles did not want to fight with Sparta because the fight brought the loss. During the Peloponnesians War, Pericles knew that the Athenians could not win the Sparta on the ground. Sparta had the discipline and versatile in battle but Athenian had best capability in battleship in the sea more than Sparta. Therefore Pericles tried to defense city by stay back the wall. Although he was highly insulted and blamed, but he is also been located. By the time he ordered navy soldiers sail battleship to Sparta on the attack Sparta city. When Sparta know Athens sailed the battleship to the frontier, Sparta had to come back to protect the city. This was wise of Pericles to defense the Athens by did not fight. Although he did not won or lost the battle but his strategies in war were wise but inferior to his politics and oration.

Pericles has been a lot of envies because of his successful and his power, but he was always a leader of Athens. The opponents had tried to undermine his political power. At this time Pericles was in troubles of personal attack also. Pericles first married with his closet relatives, the name of his wife not know. He had two sons of first wife, Paralus and Xanthippus, but Pericles divorced with first wife. Pericles married again with Aspasia of Miletus. The opposites accused Pericles of corruption and spend excessive money again. Xanthippus, Pericles's son, spread father personal life in bad point because Xanthippus did not satisfied about Pericles saving. He wanted to spend much money to satisfied himself. These disturbances destroyed his reputation.

Afterward in the summer of this year, there were epidemics broke out in Athens and it spread quickly and killed many people^[94]. Pericles lost many friends, relatives and his son. Overtime Athens was the city having many corpses in the street. Because of his

tragedies, Athenians forgave his Pericles scandal. Soon the epidemic gradually damages Pericles until he died. His death made Athens encounter with disaster. Not long after his death, Athens had many corruptions and this city went down. At the funeral, Thucydides, historian of Athens, speech about the war was gone and glory of Athens. The speech was composed by Pericles. Pericles' Funeral Oration was a famous speech that contributed to the present.

Although his death was regrettable, but the death was the exactly thing that everyone have to meet sooner or later. Nevertheless what his gave to the world did not fade with his death. The building or statue were still great and remained up until now. Not only the building or is it wisdom of him for the nation but also his democracy got the Athens was the Golden Age. Oration skill was the characteristic of Pericles that could motivate the people to believe in democracy. He and he was nicknamed The Olympian