

HISTORY LESSON: WE HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE

EQ: *To what extent is COVID-19 similar and different to the Plague of Athens?*

Part 1: Thucydides on the Plague of Athens ([background text, p2](#))

- Read the "Background on the Plague of Athens" and think about your own experience during Covid19.
- Complete the chart based on the reading and your experience during Covid19.

What conditions allowed for the virus to spread?

Plague of Athens (429-426 BCE)	Covid-19 (2019-2020)

Part 2: Thucydides on the Plague of Athens: Text and Commentary ([translated text, pp3-5](#))

- Read Thucydides' narrative of the plague.
- Answer the questions below in complete sentences with as much detail as possible.

1. *How did the plague arrive in Athens?*
2. *What did it look and feel like to become sick by the plague?*
3. *How were those who became sick treated by others?*
4. *How were people's actions influenced by the time of plague?*

Part 3: Reflect and Discuss

- Using evidence from the background, translated text, and your own experience, answer the questions below.
1. *How was the Plague of Athens **different** from what we are experiencing today with the Covid19?*
 2. *How was the Plague of Athens **similar** to what we are experiencing today with the Covid19?*
 3. *What are your general thoughts and feelings about school closures and shelter in place orders?*
 4. *How can I better support you during this time? What are you most interested in learning more about?*



Link to Document: <https://tinyurl.com/covid-athens-continuity>

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