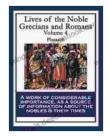
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Plutarch's Lives of the Noble Grecians and Romans is a collection of biographies of famous Greeks and Romans, written by the Greek historian Plutarch in the 1st and 2nd centuries AD. The work is divided into two volumes, the first of which contains the lives of Lycurgus, Solon, Themistocles, Aristides, Cimon, Pericles, Nicias, Alcibiades, Lysander, Agesilaus, Pompey, and Alexander the Great.

Plutarch's Lives is one of the most important works of ancient literature. It has been translated into many languages and has been a source of inspiration for writers, artists, and statesmen for centuries. The work is a

valuable source of information about the lives and times of some of the most famous people in history.

## Lycurgus

Lycurgus was a legendary Spartan lawgiver who is said to have lived in the 9th century BC. He is credited with creating the Spartan constitution, which was one of the most rigorous and disciplined in ancient Greece. Lycurgus's laws were designed to create a society of strong, healthy, and obedient citizens.

Plutarch's life of Lycurgus is one of the most famous and influential biographies in the Lives. Plutarch portrays Lycurgus as a wise and virtuous leader who was dedicated to the welfare of his people. Lycurgus's life is a valuable source of information about the early history of Sparta and the development of Greek law.

## Solon

Solon was an Athenian statesman, lawgiver, and poet who lived in the 6th century BC. He is best known for his reforms of the Athenian constitution, which were designed to create a more just and equitable society. Solon's laws were a major influence on the development of Athenian democracy.

Plutarch's life of Solon is one of the most detailed and informative biographies in the Lives. Plutarch portrays Solon as a wise and moderate leader who was committed to the rule of law. Solon's life is a valuable source of information about the early history of Athens and the development of Greek democracy.

## **Themistocles**

Themistocles was an Athenian general and statesman who lived in the 5th century BC. He is best known for his leadership of the Athenian navy during the Persian Wars. Themistocles's victory at the Battle of Salamis was a turning point in the war and helped to secure the independence of Greece.

Plutarch's life of Themistocles is one of the most dramatic and exciting biographies in the Lives. Plutarch portrays Themistocles as a brilliant and ambitious leader who was willing to take risks. Themistocles's life is a valuable source of information about the Persian Wars and the development of Athenian naval power.

#### **Aristides**

Aristides was an Athenian statesman and general who lived in the 5th century BC. He is best known for his honesty and integrity. Aristides was one of the ten generals who led the Athenian army at the Battle of Marathon. He was also one of the leaders of the Athenian navy during the Persian Wars.

Plutarch's life of Aristides is one of the most inspiring biographies in the Lives. Plutarch portrays Aristides as a virtuous and selfless leader who was dedicated to the welfare of his people. Aristides's life is a valuable source of information about the Persian Wars and the development of Athenian democracy.

#### Cimon

Cimon was an Athenian general and statesman who lived in the 5th century BC. He is best known for his victories over the Persians. Cimon was also a patron of the arts and sciences. He helped to fund the building of the Parthenon and the Odeon of Pericles.

Plutarch's life of Cimon is one of the most entertaining biographies in the Lives. Plutarch portrays Cimon as a charming and generous leader who was loved by his people. Cimon's life is a valuable source of information about the Persian Wars and the development of Athenian culture.

#### **Pericles**

Pericles was an Athenian statesman and general who lived in the 5th century BC. He is considered to be one of the greatest leaders in Athenian history. Pericles led Athens during its Golden Age, a time of great prosperity and cultural achievement. He was also a patron of the arts and sciences. He helped to fund the building of the Parthenon and the Odeon of Pericles.

Plutarch's life of Pericles is one of the most important biographies in the Lives. Plutarch portrays Pericles as a wise and eloquent leader who was dedicated to the welfare of his people. Pericles's life is a valuable source of information about the Golden Age of Athens and the development of Athenian democracy.

#### **Nicias**

Nicias was an Athenian general and statesman who lived in the 5th century BC. He is best known for his leadership of the Athenian expedition to Sicily during the Peloponnesian War. The expedition was a disaster, and Nicias was killed in battle.

Plutarch's life of Nicias is one of the most tragic biographies in the Lives. Plutarch portrays Nicias as a cautious and indecisive leader who was overwhelmed by the challenges of the Sicilian expedition. Nicias's life is a valuable source of information about the Peloponnesian War and the decline of Athenian power.

#### **Alcibiades**

Alcibiades was an Athenian general and statesman who lived in the 5th century BC. He is best known for his role in the Peloponnesian War. Alcibiades was a brilliant military strategist, but he was also a reckless and ambitious man. He was exiled from Athens several times, but he always found a way to return.

Plutarch's life of Alcibiades is one of the most fascinating biographies in the Lives. Plutarch portrays Alcibiades as a complex and contradictory character. He was a brilliant military strategist, but he was also a reckless and ambitious man. Alcibiades's life is a valuable source of information about the Peloponnesian War and the decline of Athenian power.

# Lysander

Lysander was a Spartan general who lived in the 5th century BC. He is best known for his victory over the Athenian navy at the Battle of Aegospotami. This victory ended the Peloponnesian War and led to the decline of Athenian power.

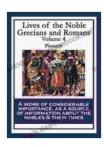
Plutarch's life of Lysander is one of the most interesting biographies in the Lives. Plutarch portrays Lysander as a brilliant and ruthless leader who was determined to defeat Athens. Lysander's life is a valuable source of information about the Peloponnesian War and the decline of Athenian power.

# **Agesilaus**

Agesilaus was a Spartan king who lived in the 4th century BC. He is best known for his campaigns against the Persians. Agesilaus was a successful

military leader, but he was also a cruel and ruthless man. He died in battle in Egypt.

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