

Creative Fun with History!

Acting-Up History:

The Pillow-Pony-Shawn War

The Golden Age of Greece ended when a neighboring city-state, Sparta, went to war against Athens. This war, known as the Peloponnesian War, lasted from 431 BC until 404 BC. Sparta was the victor.

Cast: Sparta; Athens; Pillow; Pony; Shawn

The last three may all be played by the same person, or several people can play each part—depending on how many actors you have: Each actor should wear small signs bearing the names of their characters.

Athens: My name is “Athens,” and you must know That to my shores only the best folks go. My “Golden Age” is going strong, And better is coming—it won’t be long!

Sparta: HA! You ONCE were strong and set the pace, But, now, WE mean to take your place! Oh, my manners, I forgot—sort-a’ You know my name? My name is Sparta.

Pillow: And so, dear folks, a war was born

Pony: Which, today, no one will mourn.

Shawn: They won’t mourn it now—and do you know why?

Pony: Because the name of the war, it just won’t fly.

Pillow: “The name,” you say? We’ll say it to completion

Shawn: The name of the war is the...

Pillow: “Pillow” (*pointing to sign*)

Pony: “Po-NEE” (*pointing to sign*)

Shawn: “Shawn!”

Athens: A-hem. Well, as I was saying, In Athens we built and thought things quite fair.

Sparta: Until we went to war—where we beat you fair and square!

Athens: Which, I mean to tell you quite frank, Was an action all Athenians thought just stank!

Sparta: Oh yeah? (*Put hands up like a boxer and FREEZE*)

Athens: Yeah! (*Put hands up like a boxer and FREEZE*)

Pillow, Pony, and Shawn: There they go again. (*All nod heads in agreement.*)

Shawn: Remember the name of this war as you go

Pony: But in case you forgot it, we’ll help again, so...

Pillow: “The name,” you say? We’ll say it to completion

Shawn: The name of the war is the...

Pillow: “Pillow” (*pointing to sign*)

Pony: “Po-NEE” (*pointing to sign*)

Shawn: “Shawn!” (*pointing to sign*)

The End