

# Newspaper Writing



**Level 4**

## Surprise Ending to the Battle of Marathon

In September of the last year of the reign of King Darius I, the outnumbered Athenian army defeated the Persian army on mainland Greece near Athens.

The Persians want to capture all the known world. The Athenians, on the other hand, do not want to be captured, but to keep their freedom.

The Persian army defeated two towns on Euboea and landed undefeated on the plain of Marathon. The Athenian army heard, from a runner, that the Persians were at Marathon ready to attack Athens, so they marched to Marathon. While they were camped there, some Ionian deserters told the Athenian army that the Persian cavalry was away. Although the Athenians were outnumbered, 25,000 to 11,000, they attacked first. Miltiades, an Athenian commander, attacked with a thin center and large wings. The wings swung around behind and surrounded the Persian infantry, and with superior strategy defeated the Persians! The Athenians won the Battle of Marathon! The Athenians won the Battle of Marathon! The Athenians won the Battle of Marathon!

The casualties that day numbered 192 for the Athenians and 6,400 for the Persians. The survivors fled to their fleet, anchored nearby, and immediately sailed away.

The first two sentences are a good general introduction. They could be combined into one sentence.

Very good details to explain your introduction. The repetition at the end of this paragraph shows the writer's feelings about the outcome.

Be sure to use clear sentences. The reader's understanding is very important.