


# Popular action and constitutional reform: 508 BC

# Solon's Property Classes

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|---|---|
| Pentekosiomedimnoi | 500 bushel men |
| Hippeis | 300 to 500 bushels |
| Zeugetai | 200 to 300 bushels |
| Thetes | less than 200 bushels |

# Plutarch, *Solon* 18

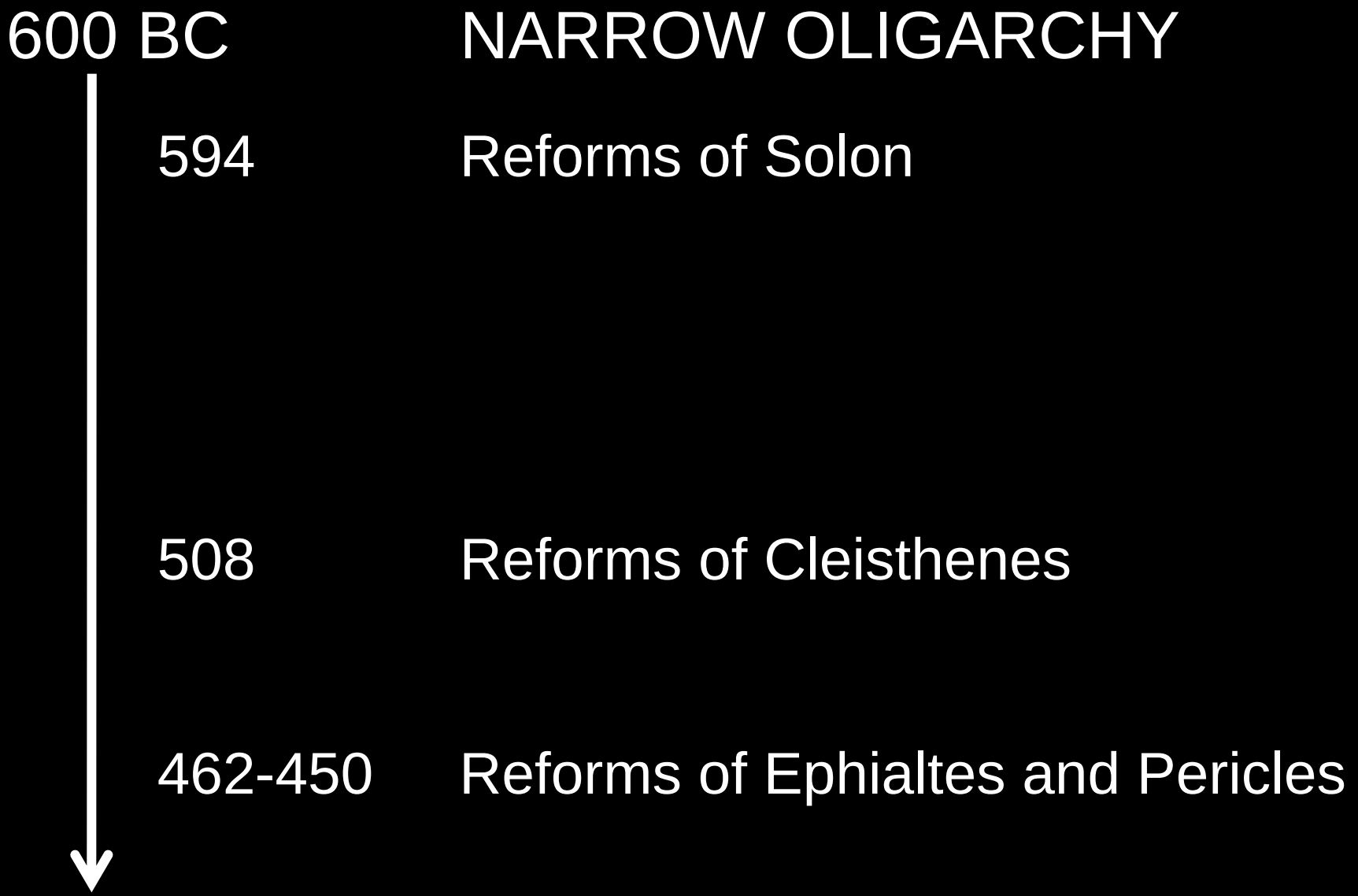
[Solon] was conditioning the people of Athens to regard themselves as so many parts of a single body, and so to share one another’s feelings and sufferings.

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[The best city-state to live in is] the one where there is no difference between the victims of a crime and anyone else in terms of how vigorously they charge and punish the criminal.

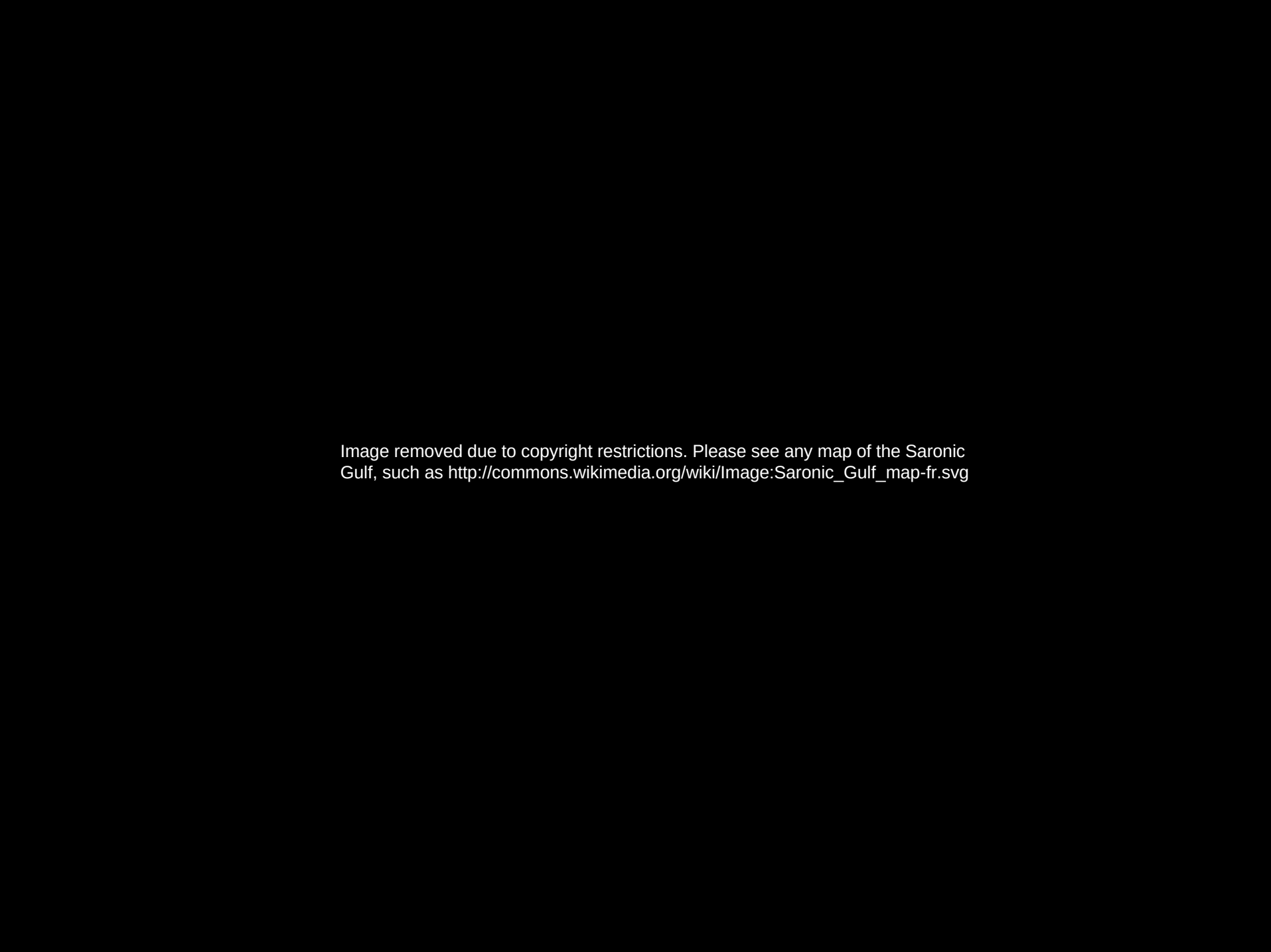
## *Athenian Constitution* 8.5

Seeing that the city was often in a state of strife, and that some of the citizens through apathy accepted whatever might happen, he enacted a special law to deal with them, that if when the city was torn by strife anyone should refuse to place his arms at the disposal of either side he should be outlawed and have no share in the city.


600 BC
NARROW OLIGARCHY
594
Reforms of Solon
508
Reforms of Cleisthenes
462-450
Reforms of Ephialtes and Pericles
450 BC
RADICAL DEMOCRACY

# 6th century ‘regional’ factions

- Men of the Coast — Megacles
- Men of the Plain — Lycurgus
- Men of the Hills — Pisistratus


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