FIFTH-CENTURY ATHENS: DATE-CHART TO SHOW PRINCIPAL HISTORICAL EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF SOCRATES & PLATO

BCE 500. 490 480 470 460 450 440 430 420 410 400 390

469 Socrates Born ……. 399 Death of Socrates

500 ……. …… 479 Wars with Persia

490 Battle of Marathon

480 Battles of Thermopylae & Salamis.

479 Athens burned by Persians

Beginning of the Athenian League

454 The Treasury of the League moved from Delos to Athens (League to Empire)

447 - 438 Building of the Parthenon

431 - 404 Great War between Athens and Sparta

431 - 429 Campaign at Potidaea (Soc fought)

424 Battle of Delium (Soc fought)

Performance of 'The Clouds' by Aristophanes, ridiculing Socrates 423

Athenian expedition to Sicily. Catastrophic loss of fleet & forces 415 - 413

Oligarchic Revolution at Athens 411

Battle of Arginusae 406

(Trial of 10 Generals)

Battle of Aegispotami 405

Rule of Thirty Tyrants (Critias) 404

Final humiliating defeat of Athens 404 BC

429 Plato Born ……. Death of Plato 347

407 Plato comes under the influence of Socrates

'The Apology' probably written 393

Plato had started teaching at the Academy by 386