

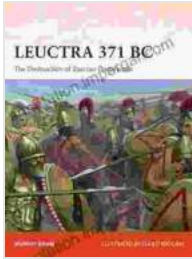
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The Battle of Leuctra in 371 BC was a pivotal moment in ancient Greek history. It marked the end of Spartan dominance and the rise of Thebes as the leading power in Greece. The battle was a decisive victory for the Thebans, who were led by the brilliant general Epaminondas. The Spartans, who had been the dominant power in Greece for over a century, were彻底defeated.

The Battle of Leuctra was a watershed moment in Greek history, and it had a profound impact on the course of events in the region. The Spartan defeat led to the collapse of their empire and the rise of Thebes as the leading power in Greece. The battle also marked the beginning of a new era in Greek warfare, as the Thebans introduced new tactics and strategies that would be adopted by other Greek armies in the years to come.

The Background to the Battle

The Battle of Leuctra was the culmination of a long period of tension between Sparta and Thebes. The two city-states had been rivals for centuries, and the Thebans had long resented Spartan dominance. In 378 BC, the Thebans formed an alliance with Athens and other city-states to challenge Spartan hegemony. The Spartans responded by invading Boeotia, the region where Thebes was located.

The Thebans were outnumbered and outmatched by the Spartans, but they were determined to defend their city. They adopted a new military formation, the hoplite phalanx, which was more effective than the traditional Spartan phalanx. The Thebans also used a new tactic, the oblique flank attack, which allowed them to concentrate their forces on one point of the Spartan line. The result was a decisive Theban victory.

The Battle of Leuctra

The Battle of Leuctra took place on July 6, 371 BC, near the town of Leuctra in Boeotia. The Thebans were led by Epaminondas, who had developed the new military tactics that would lead to their victory. The Spartans were led by King Cleombrotus I.

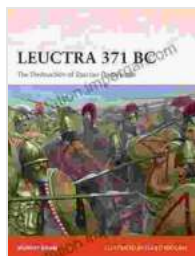
The battle began with a cavalry skirmish, which was won by the Thebans. The Thebans then advanced their hoplite phalanx against the Spartan line. The Spartans were unable to break the Theban line, and they were eventually forced to retreat. The Thebans pursued the Spartans, and they inflicted heavy casualties on them. The Spartans lost over 1,000 men, while the Thebans lost only 300.

The Aftermath of the Battle

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