

## SIEGE WEAPONS

Another tactic was for the army to try to storm the city and take it by force. By about 400BC, the Greeks were using a heavy wooden beam, called a battering ram, to smash into walls or gates. The ram was attached to ropes inside a wooden covering, and was moved back and forth by a team of men.

The attacking army also used siege towers – huge wooden structures that could be moved up against the city walls, as platforms for attack.

Attackers climb up the tower, so they can clamber onto the city walls.

Defenders throw rocks and spears and shoot arrows.

Hoplites in formation, ready to storm the city

Towers were sometimes divided into floors.

Each level housed archers or a catapult.

A catapult could fire arrows or javelins.

The main body of the battering ram was made of wood.

The battering ram took its name from the bronze ram-shaped head.

