

Athens V Sparta



Athens and Sparta were probably the two most famous and powerful city states in Ancient Greece. However, they were both very different.

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- Athens' Government ruled as a democracy. They were the first to ever do this. What do we mean by the word democracy?
- The city of Sparta was strictly ruled by the king. He made all of the decisions in Sparta.



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- The city of Athens is built below the acropolis which stands on a hill high above all of Athens.
- Sparta is surrounded by mountains, which makes it difficult for it to be invaded.

ATHENS

- Athens was a very creative city state.
- They believed in a good education. (for boys).
- You could go into the army or navy if you wanted to (if you were a boy).



SPARTA

- Sparta was very focused on obedience and war and the people did not have any luxuries.
- Boys did not have to work or be educated but trained to be warriors from a very young age.
- Boys had to join the Spartan army.



ATHENS

- Girls were not regarded as important by the Athenians.
- Girls could be taught at home (if they had rich parents).
- Girls were not allowed to take part in anything to do with war, business or education.



SPARTA

- Girls in Sparta were to grow up to be the mothers of warriors.
- Although they were not allowed to fight, girls took part in all the training because fit ladies produced fit babies, who would fight!

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- Athens and Sparta had very different ways of living their lives.
- The governors of Athens wanted to control as much land as possible and this led to much war between Greek lands.
- Sparta, although more powerful kept itself to itself unless their army was needed.



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What were the differences between the Athenians and Spartans? Use the following categories to help you...



Warfare



Location



Education



Girls and boys