

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 1st to ever do this.**
- **Sparta's Government ruled as an oligarchy by 2 Kings.**
- **Both Athens' and Sparta's governments were elected by the people.**

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- **Athens is built below the acropolis which stands on a hill 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 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.**
- **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.**

**However when it came to Athens and
Sparta against each other...**

Sparta won!

**But, they did not take over Athens
they said they would not burn it as
long as Athens promised not to keep
trying to take over.**

**Athens was therefore left as it was
and even now is one of the most
famous cities in the world.**