

WHO WERE THE ANCIENT GREEKS?

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

TO LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
ATHENS AND SPARTA AND TO UNDERSTAND THE
TERM 'DEMOCRACY'.

DO YOU KNOW
WHAT A CITY
STATE IS?



EXPLAIN YOUR IDEAS TO A PARTNER.

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IN ANCIENT GREECE,
THERE WASN'T ONE
GOVERNMENT FOR THE
WHOLE COUNTRY.
DIFFERENT AREAS WERE
SPLIT INTO CITY STATES
KNOWN AS 'POLIS'.

TWO OF THE MOST
POWERFUL CITY STATES
WERE

ATHENS
AND

SPARTA.



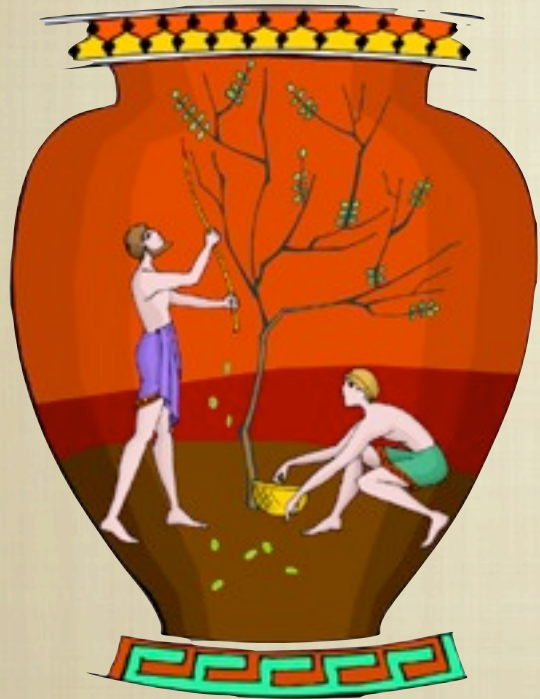
WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY HAD IN COMMON?
WHAT DO YOU THINK THEIR DIFFERENCES WERE?

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ATHENS

ATHENS WAS THE LARGEST CITY STATE IN ANCIENT GREECE. IT WAS ALSO THE RICHEST. IT WAS NEAR TO THE SEA AND SO WAS ABLE TO TRADE EASILY USING ITS OWN FLEET OF SHIPS.



ATHENS RELIED ON SLAVE LABOUR. SLAVES DID ALL THE MANUAL LABOUR AND HARD WORK. HOWEVER, SOME SLAVES WERE EDUCATED AND HAD JOBS LIKE TEACHERS AND NURSES.

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BECAUSE ATHENS HAD SLAVES TO DO ALL THE HARD WORK, CITIZENS (FREE MEN) HAD MORE TIME FOR OTHER THINGS. THERE WAS A BIG EMPHASIS ON READING, WRITING AND ART, AS WELL AS LEISURE PURSUITS LIKE FESTIVALS, COMPETITIONS AND PLAYS.



ATHENS WAS THE FIRST GOVERNMENT TO HAVE A DEMOCRACY. MALE CITIZENS WERE ABLE TO VOTE FOR THEIR LEADERS INSTEAD OF HAVING A KING OR TYRANT RULER. FREE MEN WERE ABLE TO GO TO THE ASSEMBLY AND HAVE THEIR SAY ON HOW THINGS SHOULD BE RUN.

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SPARTA

SPARTA WAS A VERY DIFFERENT CITY STATE TO ATHENS. SPARTA WAS SITUATED INLAND AND DIDN'T HAVE A COAST. EARLY IN THE 6TH CENTURY SPARTA HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY OTHER CITIES. THE SPARTANS DECIDED THEY DIDN'T WANT TO BE VULNERABLE ANYMORE SO THEY BEGAN TO FOCUS ON BUILDING A STRONG ARMY.



EVERYONE IN SPARTA WAS TRAINED TO BE FIT AND OBEDIENT. IF YOUNG CHILDREN AND BABIES WERE THOUGHT TO BE WEAK OR SICK THEY WERE DROPPED OFF A CLIFF.

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SPARTA WAS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ANCIENT GREEK POLIS BECAUSE WOMEN WERE INCLUDED IN THE TRAINING AND WERE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART JUST LIKE THE MEN. WOMEN WERE GIVEN MUCH MORE FREEDOM IN SPARTA THAN IN ANY OTHER CITY STATE.

BECAUSE SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME WAS SPENT ON TRAINING TO BECOME SOLDIERS, LITTLE VALUE WAS PLACED ON EDUCATION. THE SPARTANS LEFT US NO WRITTEN RECORDS OF THEMSELVES. ART AND MUSIC WERE OUT OF PLACE IN SPARTA WHERE THE STRICT LIFESTYLE CAUSED FEAR AMONGST MANY OF ITS NEIGHBOURS.



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ATHENIAN WAY
OF GOVERNMENT
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