

# Life in Two City-States: Athens and Sparta

***What were the major differences between Athens and Sparta?***

## PREVIEW

Examine the two illustrations of ancient Greek city-states your teacher will show you. Then answer the questions below.

1. Describe the geography of the city-state in the top image. Do you think that this city-state was a farming or a trading community?
2. Describe the geography of the city-state in the bottom image. Do you think that this city-state was a farming or a trading community?
3. Using the details in the illustrations to help you, try to predict what other differences might have existed between these two city-states.

## READING NOTES

**Key Content Terms**

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

Athens

Peloponnesus

agora

Sparta

Council of 500

Council of Elders

**Section 2****Athens and Sparta**

1. On the map, circle the city-state of Athens.
2. Briefly describe Athens's location.
3. On the map, circle the city-state of Sparta.
4. Briefly describe Sparta's location.

Section 3 to 10

If your class is doing the activity for this chapter, follow directions 1 through 3 below to complete your Reading Notes for Sections 3 to 10. (Note: If your class is not doing the activity, follow only directions 1 and 2 below.)

1. For each topic below, read the appropriate sections in this lesson.
2. Write three or more key details to answer the section questions.
3. Answer the challenge questions and check the answer key.

Government	
Athens    Section 3	Sparta    Section 7
<p>Why was Athens called a democracy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Answer to challenge question:</p>	<p>Why was Sparta called an oligarchy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Answer to challenge question:</p>

Economy	
Athens Section 4	Sparta Section 8
<p>How did Athenians get the goods they needed for everyday life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Answer to challenge question:</p>	<p>How did Spartans get the goods they needed for everyday life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Answer to challenge question:</p>

Education	
Athens Section 5	Sparta Section 9
<p>How did Athenians educate their children?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Answer to challenge question:</p>	<p>How did Spartans educate their children?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Answer to challenge question:</p>

Treatment of Women and Slaves	
Athens Section 6	Sparta Section 10
<p>How were women and slaves treated in Athens?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Answer to challenge question:</p>	<p>How were women and slaves treated in Sparta?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Answer to challenge question:</p>

**PROCESSING**

Compare and contrast the city-states of Athens and Sparta by completing the chart below with sentences each face might say. Your statements should highlight major similarities and differences between the two city-states, in the areas of government, economy, education, and the treatment of women and slaves.

- For the Athenian citizen at the left, write four or more statements in the left column that describe what life was like in Athens. For example, you might write, “In Athens, all citizens participate in the government by voting on laws.”
- For the Spartan soldier at the right, write four or more statements in the right column that describe what life was like in Sparta. For example, you might write, “In Sparta, both boys and girls receive military training from the age of 7.”

