

Greece The Rise of Sparta Activity

The Top of the Charts

Instructions: For this activity, use the reading from your lesson and the government comparison chart below to complete the Athens - Sparta Daily Life graphic organizer.

ATHENS		SPARTA
Men enjoyed hunting, sailing, drinking, wrestling, horseback riding, and sports of the Olympic games.	Physical Education	all children took part in endurance activities, hand to hand combat, gymnastics, wrestling
Age 6-14 boys went to primary school where they learned poetry and how to play the lyre. Depending on their teacher, they might also learn drama, math, public speaking, government, or the flute.	Cultural Education	Just a little reading and writing - enough to be able to understand and follow military orders.
To provide a well-educated "citizen," able to serve the community in both peace and war.	Goal of Education	To provide a well-trained fighting force
2 years of military training between the ages of 18-20. Can be called up to serve at any time if Athens is threatened.	Military Obligations of Citizens	All children begin military training at 6 or 7. Live in barracks. If they pass a test at 18 they become citizens. Boys stay in military and serve until the age of 60.
In Athens women were not considered citizens. Their role in society was to run the household. They attended weddings, festivals, funerals, and visited female neighbors - for brief periods of time.	Role of Women	If women passed their physical test at 18, they became citizens. While their job was to give birth to strong babies, they could also own property, run a business, and participate in government.
Democracy/ Dictatorship	Type of Government	Dual monarchy, oligarchy, democracy
All citizens were members of the Assembly and were expected to participate by serving on juries and voting for new laws. Citizens could also serve as a member of the Council of 500 for 2 two-year terms where they would prepare bills to become laws and handle the daily business of Athens.	Participation in Government	All citizens were members of the Assembly and could vote on new laws. If you were over 30 you might serve on the Council of Elders where you would manage the day to day business of Sparta.