




Athens and Sparta were probably the two most famous and powerful city states in Ancient Greece.

However, they were both very different.

Athens	vs	Sparta
<p>Athens' Government ruled as a democracy. They were first ever to rule in this way.</p> <p>The city was built below the acropolis which stood on a high hill above Athens.</p> 		<p>Sparta was a city strictly ruled by the king. He made all the decisions in Sparta.</p> <p>Sparta is surrounded by mountains which made it very difficult for it to be invaded.</p>

Boys in Athens

vs

Boys in Sparta

Athens was a creative state.

They believed in good education for boys.

Boys could join the army or navy if they wanted to.



Sparta was a city focused on obedience and war. The people did not have any luxuries.

Boys did not have to work or be educated as they trained to be warriors from an early age.

Boys had to join the Spartan army.

Girls in Athens

vs

Girls in Sparta

Girls were not seen as important in Athens.

Girls could be taught at home only if they had rich parents.

Girls were not allowed to take part in war, business or education.



Girls grew up to be mothers of warriors.

Although they were not allowed to fight, girls took part in the training because fit women produced healthy babies.

Athens v Sparta

- **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.