**Sparta vs. Athens PowerPoint Notes**

**Directions:** Using the chart below, fill in the information as you view the slides on Sparta and Athens.

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| **Topic** | **Athens** | **Sparta** |
| **Geography** | * **Largest city-state** * **150,000 Athenians** | * **Small city; 8,000 adult males** * **Over 100,000 slaves and semi-enslaved people** * **Surrounded by mountains, which makes it difficult for it to be invaded** |
| **Government** | * **Direct democracy** * **Elected officials including 10 generals** * **Council of 500: administer decision made by Assembly** * **Assembly: all male citizens; passed laws** * **Trial by jury** | * **Oligarchy: rule by few** * **Two kings: led army** * **5 Overseers: ran day-to-day operations of Sparta; had veto power** * **Senate: 28 men; elected for life; acted as judges; proposed legislation** * **Assembly: all Spartan males** |
| **Social Structure** | * **Upper: Aristocrats;Land owners Naval captains and military leaders** * **Middle: small farmers** * **Lower: craftsman & foreigners** * **Slaves: treated less harshly than other Greek city-states** | * **Upper: Land owning military professionals** * **Middle: craftsman, artisans** * **Lower: serfs (farmers) who worked on the Spartan’s land** * **Gave 1/2 of all their produce to Spartans/ military** |
| **Lifestyle/Values** | * **Democratic values: Participation in government a civic responsibility** * **Many religious holidays** * **Theatre / sporting events** * **Trading empire; contact with many other cultures** | * **Militaristic values** * **Citizens were not permitted to own luxuries** * **Children were taught to respect elderly, women, and warriors** |
| **Education** | * **Schools taught reading, writing & mathematics, music, poetry, sports and gymnastics** * **Boys ages 5-14 (wealthy went until 18)** * **Could choose their profession** * **Girls were taught homemaking skills at home** | * **Boys: at age 7 they were taken from their parents and taught the art of war** * **Had to steal to survive** * **At age 20 they entered the military** * **At age 20 they were able to marry** * **Girls: at age 7 they were reading and writing, gymnastics, athletics and survival skill** |
| **Role of Women** | * **Women were kept at home** * **Could not participate in athletics** * **Some women held high posts at religious ceremonies** | * **Girls were educated** * **Could participate in sports** * **Married at 18** * **Enjoyed a great deal of freedom** * **Could own and control their property** * **Expected to protect land while husband was at war** |
| **Achievements** | * **Art**   + **Sculptures**   + **Pottery** * **Architecture** * **Drama/Literature** * **Philosophy** * **Science** * **Medicine** * **Mathematics** | * **Military supremacy** * **Simple lifestyle** * **No fancy art/literature achievements** |
| **Food** | * **Enjoyed food from all over the empire** * **Trade brought goods from all over the Mediterranean region** | * **Spartan Broth: pork, blood, salt, vinegar** * **Trained to dislike luxuries and fancy food** * **Men lived separate from wives for much of the time** |