

Lesson 2: The Greek City-States

The Greek city-states of Athens and Sparta were very different.

Directions: Read the following phrases and decide which city-state each one describes. If it is about Sparta, write *S* on the blank line. If it is about Athens, write *A*. Then answer the question that follows. You may use your textbook.

- ___ 1. Only healthy infants were allowed to live
- ___ 2. Women had more rights than in other city-states
- ___ 3. Five hundred citizens formed a council
- ___ 4. Strictly ruled military state
- ___ 5. Best example of Greek democracy
- ___ 6. Boys sent to military camp at age seven
- ___ 7. Women had very few rights
- ___ 8. Army-centered life
- 9. Imagine you live in Ancient Greece. Would you rather live in Athens or Sparta? Why?



Notes for Home: Your child learned about different ways of life in ancient Greek city-states.

Home Activity: Tell your child that, today, we use the word *spartan* to mean simple, frugal, or severe. Ask him or her how the word may have gotten its meaning. Have your child use *spartan* in an original sentence.