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"Worksheet Answers: The City-States of Athens and Sparta"

To compare the similarities and contrast the differences between the city-states of Athens and Sparta, complete the following subtopics below the heading of each city-state.

ATHENS	SPARTA
<p>Social Classes:</p> <p>Class system with leaders belonging to wealthy families.</p> <p>Slavery existed.</p>	<p>Social Classes:</p> <p>Lower classes provided the labor for the nobles' higher life style.</p> <p>Slavery existed – Sparta had more slaves than any other city-state.</p> <p>Most farm workers were slaves.</p>
<p>Political Life:</p> <p>Direct democracy Democratic system – all "citizens" could take part and vote, hold office, own property, and defend themselves in court. Slaves were excluded.</p> <p>Enjoyed freedom of speech and of assembly.</p>	<p>Political Life:</p> <p>Authoritarian form of government – nobles used force to compel lower classes to obey.</p> <p>Government had complete control over people's lives.</p>
<p>The Military:</p> <p>Not as important or as much of an emphasis as in Sparta.</p>	<p>The Military:</p> <p>Very important – had strongest army in Greece. Boys trained to be soldiers and girls trained to be strong mothers to provide strong children.</p>

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<p>Religion:</p> <p>Polytheism – believed in many gods and goddesses, which had human qualities. Ruler of the gods was Zeus. Honoring the gods and goddesses was very important.</p>	<p>Religion:</p> <p>Same in all city-states: Polytheism – believed in many gods and goddesses, which had human qualities. Ruler of the gods was Zeus. Honoring the gods and goddesses was very important.</p>
<p>Industry and Trade:</p> <p>Traded metalworking, pottery and textiles for things lacking or wanting, including foreign grain.</p>	<p>Industry and Trade:</p> <p>Very limited trade – kept mostly as an isolated city-state. The lack of trade kept many of the people poor farmers.</p>
<p>Sports:</p> <p>Honored gods and goddesses by training mind and body. Held sports competitions, most famous was Olympic Games.</p> <p>Girls did not practice sports.</p>	<p>Sports:</p> <p>Honored gods and goddesses by training mind and body. Held sports competitions, most famous was Olympic Games.</p> <p>Girls participated in some sports in order to be strong as mothers.</p>
<p>Family Life:</p> <p>Girls stayed at home and helped mothers and boys helped fathers on their jobs. Boys and girls living on farms helped with the harvest. Boys had more educational opportunity than girls.</p>	<p>Family Life:</p> <p>Boys learned reading and writing, but emphasis on becoming a good soldier.</p> <p>Girls had little schooling.</p>