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## Athens vs. Sparta

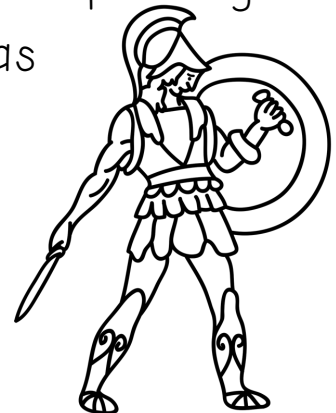
Athens and Sparta were probably the two most famous and powerful city-states in Ancient Greece. However, they were both very different.

Athens's government ruled as a democracy. They were the first to ever do this. A democracy means 'rule of the people'. In Athenian democracy, people voted for the laws that they wanted. Sparta's government ruled as an Oligarchy by two kings. Oligarchies were ruled by powerful and elite members of the society.

Athens was a very creative city. The people of Athens believed in a good education for boys. You could go into the army or navy if you wanted to, but it was not required. In Sparta, boys did not have to work or be educated. Instead they were trained to be warriors from a young age. Boys were required to join the Spartan army.

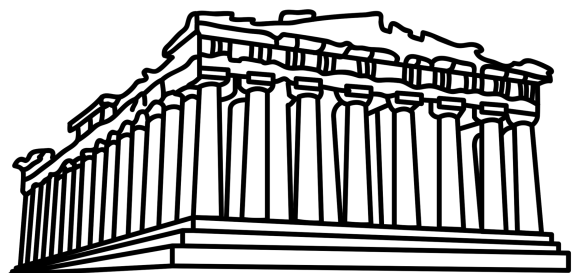
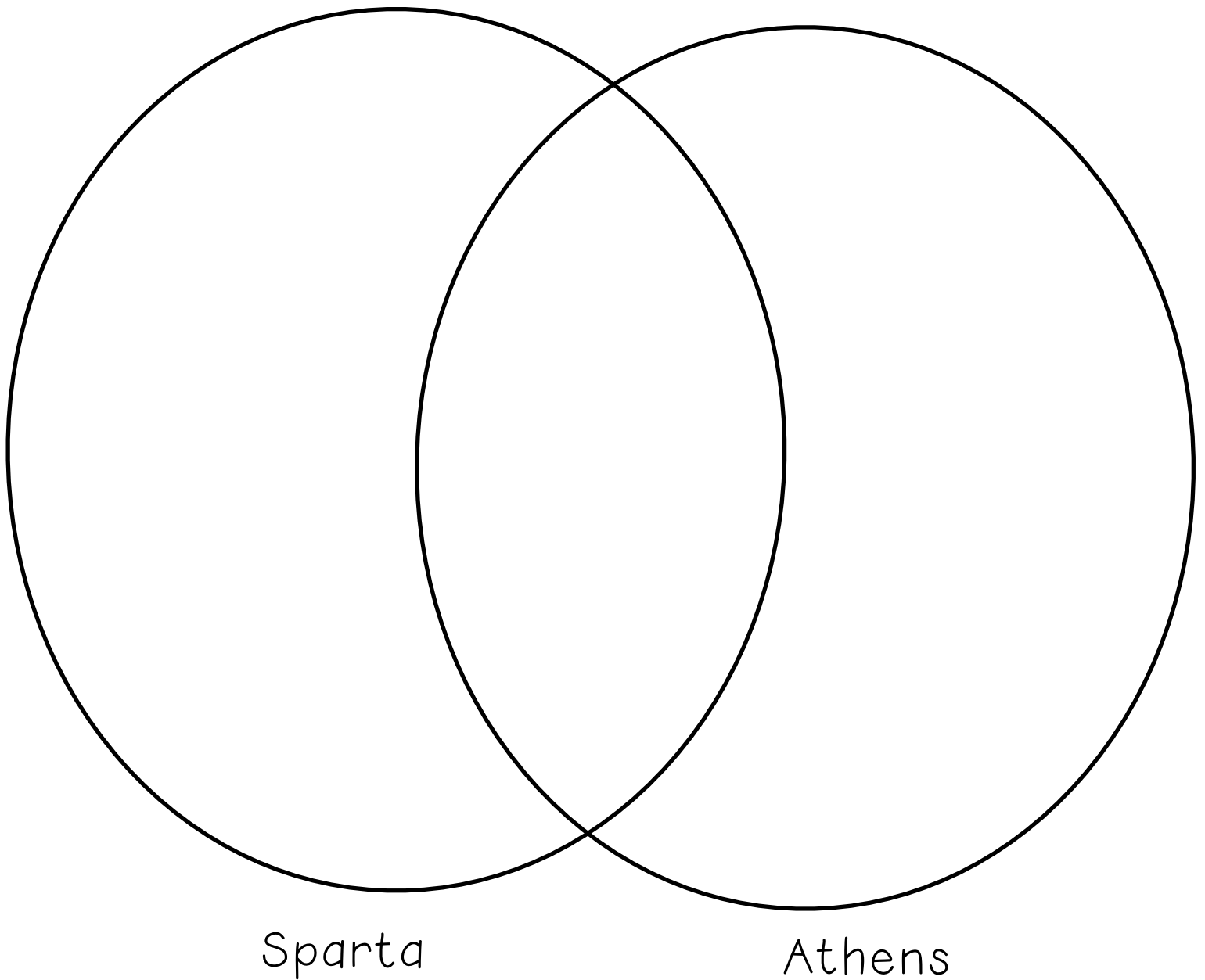
Girls in Athens were not regarded as being very important. They could be educated at home if their parents were wealthy. Girls were not allowed to take part in anything that had to do with war, business, or education. Girls in Sparta were to grow up to be mothers of warriors. Although the girls were not allowed to fight, they took part in all of the trainings because fit women produced fit babies that would grow up to fight!

Athens wanted to control as much land as they possibly could. Although Sparta had a strong military, they pretty much kept to themselves unless their military was needed. Except when Sparta went to war against Athens in the Peloponnesian War.



The two city-states fought from 431 BC to 404 BC with Sparta eventually triumphing over Athens. Sparta did not take over Athens. They promised not to burn it as long as Athens promised not to keep trying to take over. Athens was left as it was and even now is one of the most famous cities in the world.

Use the Venn Diagram to Compare & Contrast Athens vs. Sparta



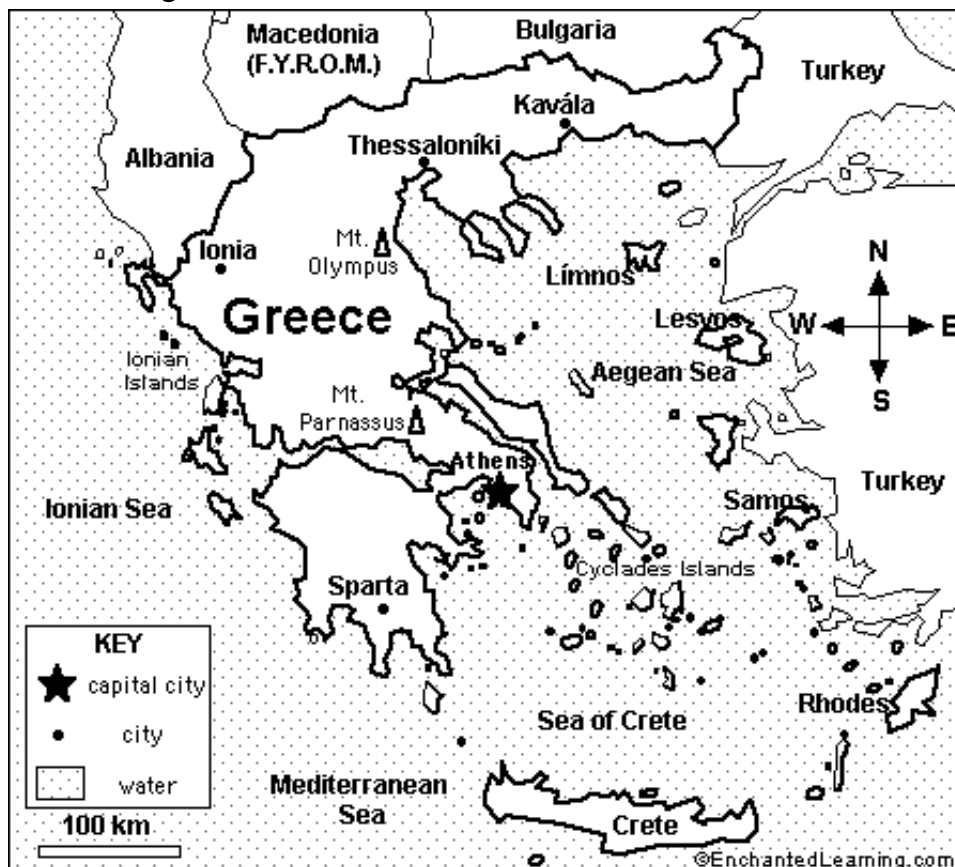
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# Getting to Know Greek Geography

The Greeks lived on rocky, mountainous lands surrounded by water. The mainland of Greece is a peninsula, an area of land surrounded on three sides by water. The Greek peninsula is very irregular. It's one big peninsula made up of a series of smaller peninsulas. In addition to the mainland, there are many islands.

Because mountains cover much of Greece, there are few flat areas for farmland. People settled in those flat areas along the coast and in river valleys. They lived in villages and towns separated by mountains and seas.

Travel across the mountains and seas was difficult so communities were isolated from one another. As a result, the people created their own governments and ways of life.



1. Name the Island to the south of Greece. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name the body of water to the south of Greece. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name the body of water to the west of the peninsula of Greece. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name the Sea to the East of the Peninsula of Greece. \_\_\_\_\_