



Athens



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

However, they were both very different.





Athens

- **Liked to travel**
- **Encouraged artists**
- **Like to spread ideas and learn from others**
- **Developed strong relationships from other city-states**
- **Had a strong naval fleet**
- **Located only four miles from the Aegean Sea**

Athenian Government

- **Democratic**
 - **The first in the world to do this**



Athens

- **Council**
 - **A group of 500 men would meet every day.**
 - **Ran the day to day business of government**
 - **Suggested new laws**
 - **Any laws that were proposed had to be approved by the assembly**

Athens

- **Assembly**
 - **Meet on a hill every 10 days**
 - **Debated and voted on laws that were proposed by the council.**
 - **Every citizen had a right to speak at the meetings**

Athenian Economy

- **Based on trade**
 - **Land was not good enough to farm so it did not provide enough food for the population**
 - **Traded with other city-states**
- **Bought and sold goods from a marketplace. What was it called?**

Agora! You are right!

Athens

- **Developed their own coins**
- **Made of gold, silver, and bronze**
One side had Athena on it and the other side their sacred bird, an owl.



Athenian Education

- **Wanted everyone to be good citizens**
- **Good citizens was the main purpose of education**
- **Boys and Girls were educated differently**

Education

- **Boys**
 - **Lots of physical training and book learning**
 - **Until age 6 or 7 were taught at home**
 - **At 6 to 14 they went to school**
 - **At 18 they began military training**

Education

- **Girls**
 - **Girls were not regarded as important by the Athenians.**
 - **Girls were taught at home.**
 - **Girls were not allowed to take part in anything to do with war, business or education.**

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- **Were not taught to read or write**
- **Taught to cook and clean, spin thread, and weave cloth.**
- **Some learned ancient secret songs and dances for religious ceremonies**
- **Usually got married around age 15**