

Sparta

Athens

- Culture was “dominated by the military.”
- Citizens were “good at ...following orders.”
- Citizens were “good at enduring hardships...”
- “...everyone wants to be athletic...”
- Citizens were “admired if you could think deeply...”
- Citizens were “admired if you could...speak persuasively...”
- Citizens were “admired if you...knew a lot about astronomy or history...”
- Citizens were “admired if you...sang and played beautiful music.”
- If a baby boy was not healthy he “was taken outside the city and left to die.”

- “Healthy boys were trained from an early age to be soldiers.”
- “As part of their training, boys ran, jumped, swam, and threw javelin to increase their strength.”
- “They also weren’t given much food.”
- “...boys weren’t given shoes or heavy clothes, even in the winter.”
- “...only occasionally visited their families.”
- “Women had more rights than other Greek women.”
- “Some women owned land...”
- “...didn’t spend time spinning cloth or weaving.”
- “Like the men, they learned how to run, jump, wrestle, and throw javelins.”
- “...boys from rich families worked to improve both their bodies and their minds.”

- “But this training was not as harsh or as long...”
- “...didn’t have to devote their whole lives to the army....only two years.”
- “They learned to read, write, count as well as sing and play musical instruments.”
- They learned about “...philosophy, geometry, astronomy and other subjects.”
- They learned “...how to be good public speakers.”
- “Most of the boys from poor families became farmers and grew food for the city’s richer citizens.
- “While the boys received good education, girls didn’t.”
- “...most girls only learned household tasks like weaving and sewing.”
- “...women in _____ had almost no rights at all.”

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