

Athens and Sparta: Similarities and differences

Similarities

- Both Athens and Sparta had an assembly government where the people chose who would become King (in Sparta) and who would become part of the council (in Athens)
- They are both located in Southern continental Greece.
- They both spoke Greek.
- They both worshipped the 12 gods of Olympus
- They each had a large population of slaves.
- Both populations in ancient times was over 100,000

Differences

- They were both (and still are!) located in different regions of Greece
- Although both cities had an assembly government, Sparta had 2 or 3 kings at a time and Athens elected 500 men each year (this is called democracy)
- Athens liked art more while Sparta like helping and fighting more than art
- Athens had a very modern lifestyle while Sparta had a simple lifestyle
- Athenian boys were not forced to join the army
- In Sparta, the economy was mainly agriculture while Athens relied more on trade.
- Sparta wanted to help the other City States while Athens wanted to conquer new lands

I would prefer to live in Athens because I would have more of an opportunity to learn and I didn't have to go into battle.

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