


Literacy – Letter home about Sparta and Athens

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IMAGINE YOU ARE A VISITOR TO ANCIENT GREECE. YOU SPEND TIME IN BOTH CITY-STATES OF ATHENS AND SPARTA. WRITE A LETTER HOME DESCRIBING:

- WHAT **LIFE IS LIKE** IN EACH CITY-STATE
- THE **SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES** BETWEEN THEM
- YOUR OWN **PERSONAL OPINIONS** OF EACH CITY-STATE

Dear Mother and Father,

I'm sorry I haven't written for a while, but I have been exploring the wonder of Greece. I have seen so many places but there is two places I have to tell you about! There is this place called Sparta that's really fierce! Sparta is located inland with massive mountains surrounding it. When you get there it's a bit intimidating, everyone is so strong and tall, **EVEN THE WOMEN!** They train with the men while the boys go to school to learn to be tough and fierce like their parents! Young boys leave their families at the age of 7 to learn to be a true warrior. There is no time to be reading and writing. Spartans don't even trade as they weren't taught that, they were trained to steal.

Who Were the Ancient Greeks? Letter Template (cont.)

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You were forced to be slaves on a warrior! You didn't have a choice! You were lucky to come that far though.

If you ~~too~~ looked a bit sickly when you were born then they would ~~as~~ throw you off the cliff! The other city state is Athens, the largest city state in Greece. They are located by the coast where they trade ships and fleets. They ~~realie~~ rely on slaves to do all of the manual labour, while they enjoy things like the theatre and entertainment. Little boys are at school while girls stay at home to learn to cook, sew, and to be a mother. At 18 the boys go to military school to become a warrior.

Because Athens is ruled by democracy, everyone gets a say. Women go to work in fields everyday to grow the crops, they have their independence!

Also the sights are lovely here to! There is a ~~statue~~ ^{monument} with Athena ~~or called the parthenon~~ on it. I will take you there one day!

I will be home soon to see you!

From Georgia.