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LI: Athens and Sparta.

1. Athens was ruled by democracy. Whilst, Sparta was ruled by an oligarchy.

2. Athens.

Athens was the largest and richest city - state in Ancient Greece. They relied on slave labour. The slaves did the manual labour and hard work. Citizens had more time so they did art, reading, writing, and more.

3. Sparta.

Everyone was trained in Sparta to be fit and obedient. Spartans had no luxuries as they believed this made them strong. Girls from Sparta were independent from men, trained how to fight, encouraged to be fit, and strong. People who lived in the lands Sparta conquered and now ruled were called Helots.

Dear  
Emily

I hope you are having a nice holiday. I am writing to you to tell you about Athens and Sparta.

I'll start with Athens. In this City-State, they use democracy but rely on slaves. I know I felt so troubled to walk round that City-State. Except I wasn't allowed to go out without the men's permission.

There are things to enjoy though. They love writing, reading, art, and drama. Their parties are great. I've also learnt that Athens is the largest and richest city-state. I wish you had seen those trading ships - they were magnificent!

Now I have to tell you about Sparta. Sparta is a military state and has a full-time army. Did you know that every man or boy lived in barracks? You started when you were only 7!

Helots (people from the lands Sparta conquered and now ruled) were treated like slaves and had to give up half their crops to Sparta. If a baby or child was weak or sick they would be thrown off a cliff or at best made a slave.

Oh, it did make me feel so sick!

Although Sparta is brutal there is a positive. Girls were trained to fight and encouraged by others to be physically fit and strong.

Spartans think this was so they would give birth to healthy babies. Women could work in the fields and run their own business. They lived at home and were independent from men. Compared to Athens when women weren't allowed out without the men's permission this is absolutely wonderful. I was pleased.

So that was my holiday. Hope yours was all cheerful and happy not seeing babies thrown off a cliff. Hope to see you soon.

Love

Isabelle

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