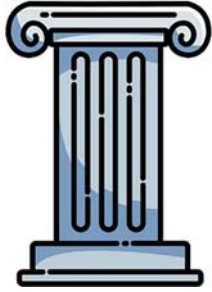


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City-State Showdown

Directions: Read both passages carefully. Think about how life in Athens and Sparta was different, and how it was similar. Answer the questions that follow.

Passage 1 - *Life in Athens*

Athens was known as the cultural heart of ancient Greece. Citizens valued education, philosophy, art, and democracy. Boys were often taught reading, writing, music, and public speaking to prepare them for active roles in government. Trade and travel were important because Athens was located near the sea. Women, however, had limited rights and were expected to manage the home.

Passage 2 - *Life in Sparta*

Sparta was known for its military strength and strict discipline. From a young age, boys entered training camps to become strong soldiers, while girls were also encouraged to stay physically fit to raise healthy children. Unlike Athens, Sparta discouraged trade and travel, focusing instead on farming and conquest. Sparta's government was ruled by two kings and a council of elders, reflecting its military priorities.

1. What were Athens' main values, and how did they differ from Sparta's?
2. How did education in Athens compare to training in Sparta?
3. What role did women play in each society?
4. Based on the passages, which society seems more focused on individual freedom? Which on discipline?