

City-State Showdown Answer Key

Model Answers:

1. Athens valued education, culture, and democracy; Sparta valued military discipline and strength.
2. Athens focused on academics and arts; Sparta focused on rigorous military training.
3. Women in Athens had few rights, while women in Sparta were expected to stay fit and contribute to society's military goals indirectly.
4. Athens emphasized individual freedom (democracy and education), while Sparta emphasized discipline and order (military focus).

Teacher Guide

- **Skill Development:** Students practice **compare & contrast** by examining similarities and differences in historical contexts.
- **Teaching Tip:** Encourage students to use **specific text evidence** (e.g., "Athens valued education" or "Sparta discouraged trade") rather than vague generalizations.
- **Extension Activity:** Ask students to write a short paragraph: *"If you lived in ancient Greece, would you prefer Athens or Sparta? Defend your answer with details from the text."*