

Reading Questions: The Rise of the City States

Read *Patterns of Interaction*, pp. 115-9 and respond to the following in separate well-developed paragraphs.

1. What is a polis? What were its most significant features? What roles did the *agora* and the *acropolis* play in the lives of the Ancient Greeks?
2. What are the basic features and fundamental differences between the following forms of government: monarchy; aristocracy; oligarchy; tyranny; and direct democracy?
3. Create a 2 column chart comparing and contrasting the following aspects of Spartan and Athenian society: Government; Social Hierarchy; Educational System; Military Service; Women's Roles; Values. See the attached page as a *model format*. You may need more space than is provided on this document to fully respond to the question.
4. Based on your response to question #3 above, in which polis would you prefer to live? Why? Use specific evidence and examples to support your answer.
5. How did Draco, Solon and Cleisthenes contribute to the development and reform of Athenian democracy?
6. What were the most significant events and historical significance of the Persian Wars?

Sparta

Athens

Gov't		
Social Hierarchy		
Education System		
Military Service		
Women's Roles		
Values		

