

History at key stage 2 (Year 5-6)

Unit 14: Who were the ancient Greeks?
Section 2: What were the similarities and differences between Athens and Sparta?

Lesson Objectives

To understand the main differences between Athens and Sparta.

- To understand what is meant by democracy.
- To understand the importance of pottery in helping us to find out about the ancient Greeks.

Learning Outcomes

- Know that Athens and Sparta were city states and governed themselves.
- Distinguish between the beliefs of the Athenians and Spartans and know some reasons why they held those beliefs.
- Know what pottery can tell us about life in ancient Greece.

Additional notes:

Explain that information about Sparta comes largely from Athenian writers because Spartans did not write histories or other books. Discuss the implications of this for the reliability of the information. Could Sparta be seen in a different light?