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# Today's Letter

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## Boule

- A council of people that rotates every year
- Each of the 10 tribes would have 50 people.
- 500 people, so it was wild
- 50 people at a time would rule it, one tribe
- Each day, they would pick one person to be the president, and one person to be the note-taker.
- This means that everyone had a chance to rule Athens for a day

## Army

- Because Athens only had a citizen army
- Each tribe would have an appointed general
- Appointed by the tribe itself.
- A general can be appointed YoY
- Desired power shifted from government to military

## **Ostracism**

- An ostrakon or ostracism
- In the assembly they would ask if they needed an ostracism
- If the answer is yes, they hold a vote.
- 6k votes must have been cast before it was a legitimate
- Whoever had the most votes, would be ostracised.
- If you were ostracised, you had to fuck off for 10 years.
  - No penalty
  - Your stuff (land/house/farm) was looked after.

# Archaic Sparta

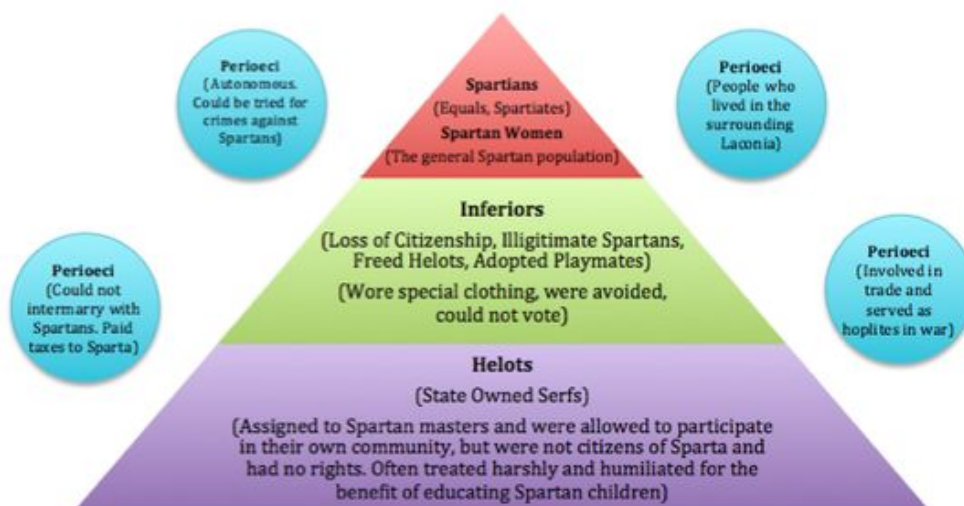
- Was located in the Peloponnese, which was the south part of the Mainland of Greece
- About 40k away from the C
- In the middle of a plane
- 5 villages turned into sparta
- Only people that came from these 5 cities are true blood spartans
- By the end of the 8th century Sparta had conquered all of Laconia
- People they conquered became Helots

## Helots

- Were owned by the state (although it's hard to tell)
- Forced to wear humiliating clothing
- If a king died, they were forced to go into mourning
- Forced to serve in the army
- Had no weapons
- Often continued to work on the farms they were conquered on, Forced to give their produce
- Doesn't sound like a good time tbh

## Perioeci

- Obligatory military service
- No citizen rights (no vote/ not able to run)
- Different then Helots in the sense they're free
- Not clear why some were helots and some were Perioeci



## 1st Messenian War (740-720 BCE)

- Right next door to sparta was Messenia
- Decided to attack and annex it
- War lasted 20 years and almost all the people became Helots
- Because of the land they conquered, they were in control of all of the Peloponnese

## Helot population

- Helots outnumbered Spartans 7:1
- There was constant underlying suspicion

## 2nd Messenian War (669 BCE)

- Spartans got beaten by Argives
- Hysiae was a stronghold that held off the Spartans
- Helots realized that the Spartans might not be super strong.
- Helots tried to fight back and nearly won.

## Society Reform

- Lycurgus
- Shadowy figure, maybe mythical
- Drafted reforms that changed sparta into a military state
- Some of the reforms were done hundreds of years after him
  - Possibly weren't his writings and his name was just used
- He had claimed to have gone to the Oracle at Delphi
- New society rules were very strict

## The Ideal for a man

- Skilled in battle
- Courageous
- OBEY LAW
  - Can be killed for not obeying it

## A male child is born

- Inspected for fitness
- Decide whether it lives or dies
- Sparta had people to inspect these baby boys called Citerions
- Babies were yote to the top of Taygetus Mountains to die.
- Slave dealers may have taken these babies

## School

- Children were separated into Herds
- Boys, Youths, Yung men
- They were taught how to ensure hardship/pain
- Naked and shoe-less
- Bald
- Issues one single cloak but no tunic
- Ephors would perform penis inspection day
- They were malnourished to encourage them to steal and forage
- Encouraged to steal but punished if caught. Kid smuggling a fox was **killed to death** by the fox but made no noise to not get caught
- Whipping cheese game (the original Mouse Trap™)
- Sports training for warfare skills
- Team sports identify leaders in groups

## Spartan Man

- Wore beards
- Could marry as young as 20
- During your peak fertility, you're nutting everywhere
- Had to live with a group called the Syssition
  - A mess group of your soldiers
  - Had to stay with this group until 30
- Had to sneak out to visit wives
- Were all considered equal rights regardless of ancestors/wealth
- They loved their Homoiois (Homebois) (equals)
- Sparta: Gay, as, fuck.

## Syssition

- Military group of 15-20 men
- Live/eat/sleep together
- Possibly classmates
- Brotherhood
- Potcuck
- They fed themselves
- Didn't drink to get drunk because they have to be battle ready
- Cooked like [Cooking With A Hoarder](#)

## Failed at School

- You can't drop out
- You are called a trembler if you fail out.
- Not allowed to vote, marry, hold office.
- Forced to shave half their beard

## Growing up as a Spartan woman

- Sparta was WOKE
- To bear and raise soldiers
- [AMAZONIAN WARRIOR WOMEN](#)
- The virgin athenian woman vs the chad spartan woman
- Inherited  $\frac{1}{2}$  portion compared to full portion for boys
- Did not marry non-spartiates
- Marry at 18
- Married women wore their hair short and unmarried had it long

## Burials at state expense

- Men who died in battle
  - It was cowardly to die of illness
- Women who died in childbirth
  - $\frac{1}{3}$  women were dying from childbirth

## Homoioi

- All spartans are equals
- Doesn't matter about family wealth
- All contribute the same amount

## Economy

- The whole economy of Sparta was based off slave labour
- Each spartan was given a plot of land with a helot family on it
- The family had to give a set amount to the Spartiate to whom they were assigned
- No inheritance, everything owned by the state

## Government of Sparta

- **Spara vs. Athens, possible final essay question**

## Oligarchy

### Gerousia (28 people)

- Name called out, loudest cheer wins
- Term - for life
- No bill could be brought to the assembly until discussed by Gerousia
- If someone committed a crime, it would be tried by the Gerousia

## Ephors

- Have to be over 30
- One year term and can not be re-elected
- Watch over kings
- Preside over the Gerousia
- When foreign embassy comes, they go to the Ephors
- Judged civic matters
- After their term, they were subject to be audited by the next 5 Ephors
- Can [yeet](#) the king and replace him with his son
- Hired the Krypteia who were basically the SS. They spied on the Hiphos to make sure they're not up to something

## Monarchy - Kings

- Are from two seperate families
- Agiads and Euryontids
- They claim to be descended from Herakles.

## Hereditary Kingship

- Permitted to take a second wife if the first doesn't pump out a son

- 3/4/5+ isn't allowed
- If you die without a son, another male relative could take

## Chief judge

- Both held veto power
- In charge of military and state religion
- Only one king is supposed to fight at a time.
- Subject to the law
  - A king can not do something against the law

## Religious duties

- Chief priest
- Would make sacrifice and check sacrifice
- Meat would be distributed
- Kings would get double portions
- The double portion would be distributed as a gift

## Democracy

- Ecclesia, all male citizens can vote
- They would meet outside
- All Spartiate men over 30 were members
- Met monthly during full moon outdoors
- Discussion not forbidden but debate was rare
- Listened to bills and voted on them by shouting approval
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- Equals

Age is just a number

Too young is just an asian name



