

Dear Doctor Who,

I am writing to you to give you ideas on whether you should land your tardis in Athens or Sparta. There is absolutely no point in going to Athens if you decide that you hate it there nor is there a point in going to Sparta if you decide you hate it there. You have a right to go to a city that you will enjoy. In my opinion I would go to Athens because it is much calmer than Sparta.

The locations of them are very different but are both very nice places. Athens is sat near the Aegean Sea and had a strong naval fleet. Sparta is sat on a plain between the mountains Peloponnesus. Spartans enjoyed living in between mountains because this provided excellent protection from enemies trying to find Sparta.

Life for the 2 cities was extremely different. Athenians had yearly festivals for drama, athletics and religion. You think you'd have to pay, well maybe a little bit but most of the needed money came from the rich citizens. Most Athenians adored music and beauty. Life for Spartans was entirely different. Most had an exhausting life of training to be warriors and being beaten if they weren't good enough. Sadly, Spartans didn't appreciate sickly babies and if they had a sick baby they would kill it. If you were not killed then you would go to training camp to be a warrior at the young age of 7!

Most people go to school and learn something new everyday but not for some ancient Greek children, some didn't have enough money and some didn't even believe in school! Athenian boys went to school and got good education in reading and writing.

While Athenian boys went to school, Athenian girls would not go to school they would stay at home and if they had enough money they would get a tutor. Spartan citizens did not believe in school they said that it got in the way of being a warrior.

Athenians had a new way for ruling the city called democracy. Instead of someone just ruling the city, everybody could be part of democracy except women, slaves and foreigners. I don't think that's a fair rule I think that everybody should be allowed to be part of it especially girls! Spartan citizens liked to have strong leaders who knew how to rule Sparta. They had 2 kings which worked well because if 1 was away fighting then the other could rule on his own.

As you know Spartans had to go to training camp at the age of 7. Athenians trained to be warriors at the age of 20-50. They only really trained when they needed to not just randomly one day. Because Athens was sat near the sea, they were complete masters of the seas. And Spartans were masters of fighting; they had a strong land army.

After writing and reading this letter again and again and again I'd still prefer to go to Athens. Which city would you like to visit? I hope that these facts I have given you have helped you make your decision.

Yours sincerely,

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