

# Primary History: Ancient Greeks

## Extension Activity - Sparta

**Compare the lives of women in Sparta and Athens.**

Who had the most freedom? Where would you have preferred to live?

We still use the word "Spartan" to describe a plain, no-luxury way of life. Is this accurate? **Why might the Spartans have chosen to live as they did?**

**Which do you think had the best of a hard life – a slave in Athens or a slave in Sparta?**

**Write a newspaper account of the battle of Thermopylae.** What headline might describe the fight there? Write some interviews with people on both sides – Greeks and Persians – to get two views of the battle.