

I am the greatest!

Who were the greatest: the Athenians or the Spartans?

1. You are an Athenian. Write a description of why you might say you were superior to a Spartan.











2. You are a Spartan. Write a description of why you might say you were superior to an Athenian.











3. Is there any way in which we could tell who was right?







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Background

There is considerable information on the Athenians and Spartans in the book and more on the subscription web site at:

www.curriculumvisions.com.

From the material given on the previous pages, you may also be able to feed in even more.

The task is for the students to see that it was not necessarily easy to see which was the superior city, Athens or Sparta.

The questions are designed to get students to role play characters in history and see events from more than one perspective.

You could debate how far we can use historical records to understand the truth of a complex issue, as you review the answers to Q3.