



# Growing Up in Athens and Sparta

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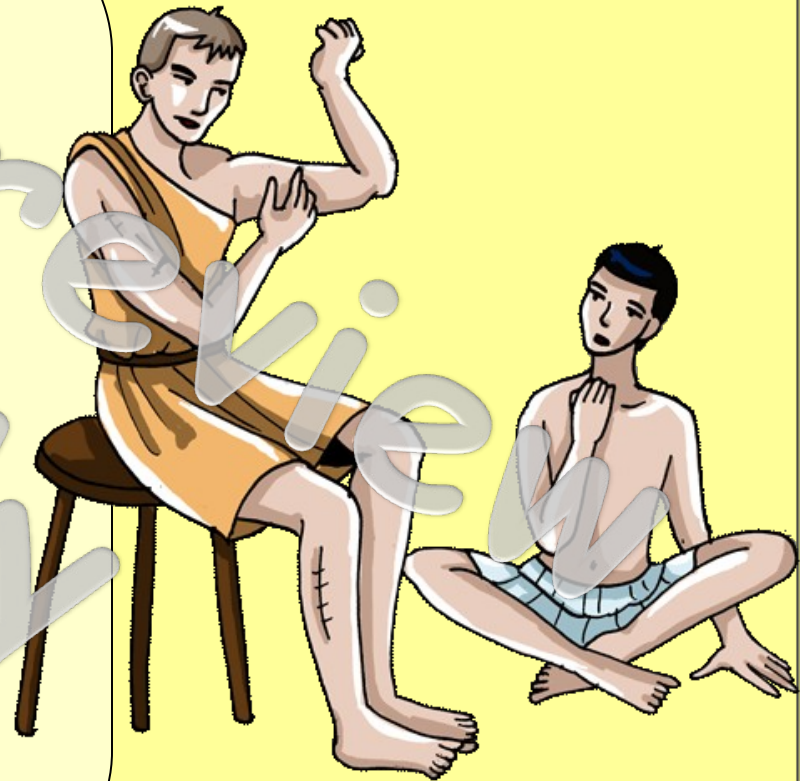
The Spartans educated their boys to be stronger, braver and tougher than each other, as well as neighbouring rivals. The schools were really barracks where everyone was a soldier.





# Growing Up in Sparta

At school, boys were given no clothes or shoes, just a cloak. They were also given horrible food to eat, and not much of it, which forced some of the boys to steal more food. This would help the boys become more cunning and deceitful! The boys were often taught by a teacher who had served in the army.





Age	Requirements
Age 7-17	All boys lived together in barracks.
Age 8-19	Boys start their military and athletic training.
Age 2—29	Young soldiers begin fighting with the Spartan army. Soldiers could get married, but still live in barracks with the other soldiers.



Age	Requirements
Age 30-60	Soldier became an Equal - a full member of Spartan society. The soldiers could live at home, but were still part of the army.
Age 60+	Soldiers could now retire and, if they were elected, become a member of the government.



Boys were educated to become civilized, fit and agile. They were taught at home by a pedagogue until they were old enough to go to school. When they were five, the boys went to a gymnasium. In the classroom the boys sat on hard benches as they listened to the teacher.

## Growing Up in Athens





As well as reading, writing and mathematics, the boys learned poetry and music. Everyone had to learn how to play the lyre as it was a civilized instrument.



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Girls were taught at home, and learnt many skills like how to keep a good home, and etiquette.



# Academies

After the gymnasium, the richest students went on to the academy, rather like a university. Subjects like philosophy (how to think), ethics (the study of right and wrong) and rhetorics (how to make speeches) were taught.

After education, Athenians could enter life as citizens. They could join the army, work as traders or craftsmen, or serve as part of the government.

