



History of
Ancient Greece
FALL 2024

MEETING 5

Sparta and the Art of War

- *Panhellenism*
- *The Peloponnese*
- *The Spartan system*
- *Spartan women*
- *The Spartan mirage*



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Five things today

- 1 Panhellenism
- 2 The Peloponnese
- 3 The Spartan system
- 4 Spartan women
- 5 The Spartan mirage

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Upcoming dates

- Thursday, October 3 No class meeting
- Monday, October 14 Proposal due
- Sunday, September 29 This week's online response post due



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Quiz #2: Archaic Greece

1. Herod's poetry is notable for its

- a. focus about antiquated lore
- ☒ b. anti-aristocratic point of view reflecting the lives of ordinary people
- c. celebration of the great feats of heroes
- d. rejection of any form of government or system

2. A polis, or Greek city-state, consists of all of the following EXCEPT:

- a. A city and its adjacent territory making up a single, self-governing political unit
- b. A council of elders (aristoi) and an assembly of men of fighting age (ekklesia)
- ☒ c. small number of citizen-ghosts used for sacrifices
- d. The governing rule of the king (basileus) is normally replaced by a council of aristocrats (oligarchy or aristocracy)

3. All of the following are true of the revolutionary form of fighting known as hoplite warfare EXCEPT:

- ☒ a. All citizens were included; if you couldn't afford your equipment it would be given to you
- b. Hoplites were heavily armed footsoldiers
- c. They were arranged in a tightly packed formation called a phalanx
- d. The strict equality of the ranks made personal glory and distinctions of wealth and birth less important

4. A Greek tyrant is rule by

- ☒ a. a man who seizes control of the state by coup and governs illegally
- b. a legitimate king who has become abusive
- c. the subliminal suggestion to the people
- d. a foreigner who takes a city for his own

5. A statue of a young man, often used as grave monument or offering, is known as

- a. an agave
- b. a genoskion
- ☒ c. kouroi (female version: korai)
- d. a symposium

EC. Why did the Greeks colonize during this period?

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Characteristics of the Archaic Period

- Polis
- Hoplite armies
- Knowledge through creative expression
- Lyric poetry
- Colonization
- Panhellenism

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The Polis



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Social strata

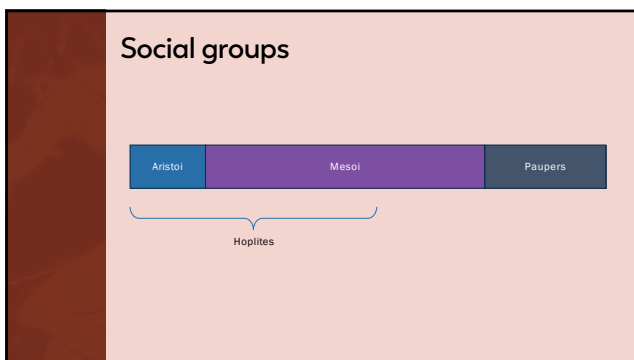
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Other groups

- Women
- Metics
- Servile classes (usually ethnically different)
 - Helots (Sparta)
 - Slaves

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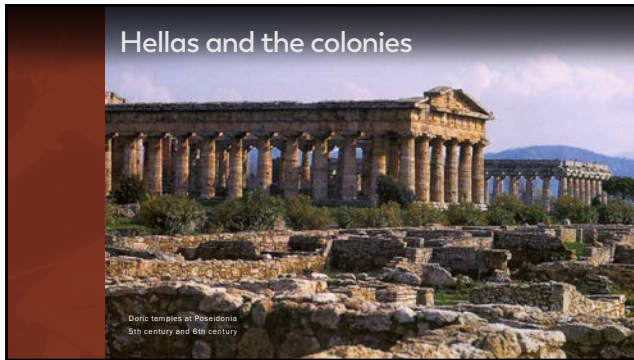
Greek colonization

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Colonization



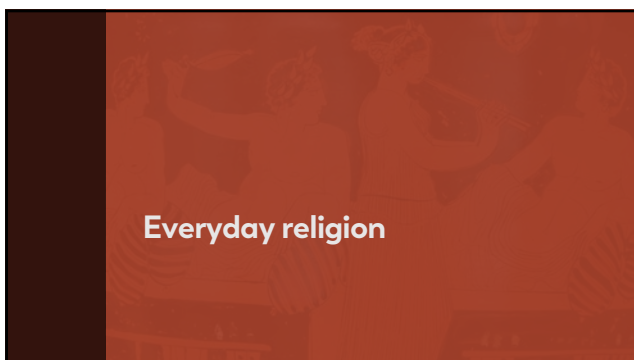
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The *kouros*



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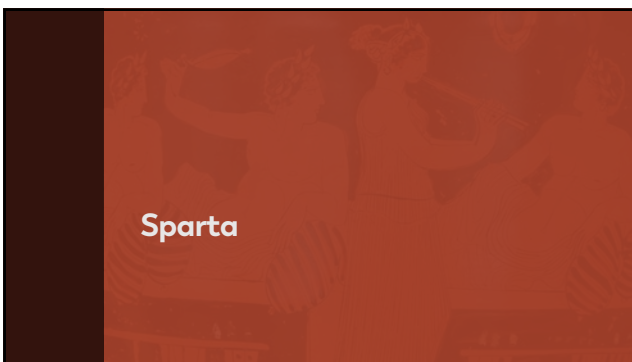
The *korē*



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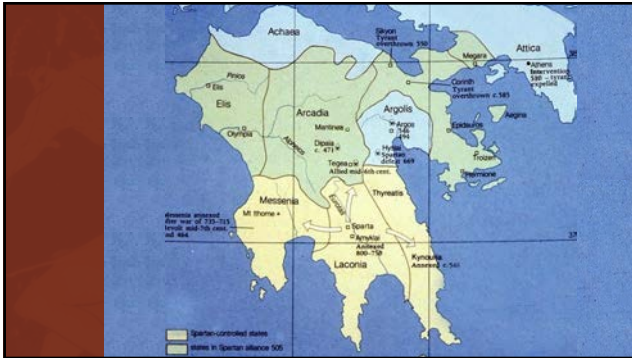
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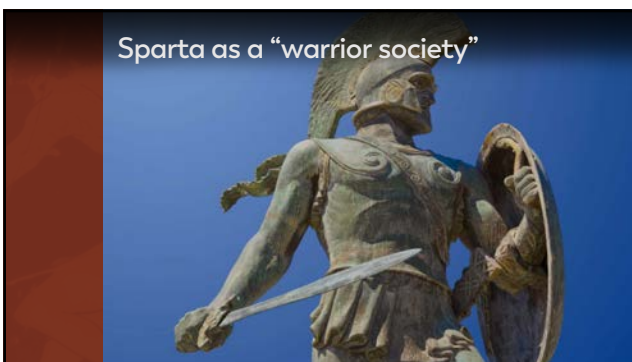
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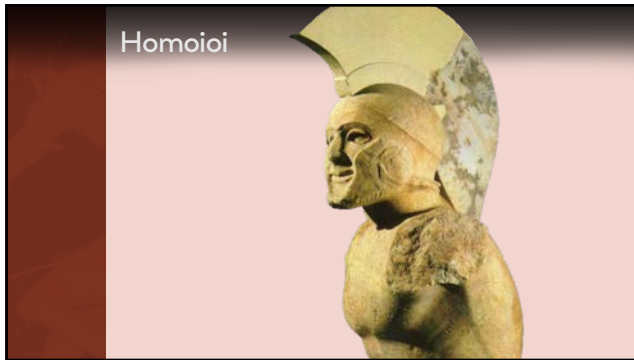


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Spartan social hierarchy

- **homoloi** "men of equal status," peers
Spartan citizen/warrior elite
- **periokoi** "dwellers nearby"
Laconians who were free, but disenfranchised
- **helots** heilotes, "prisoners of war"
State-owned serfs

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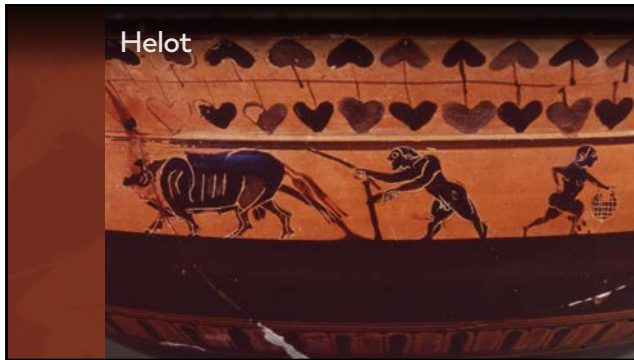
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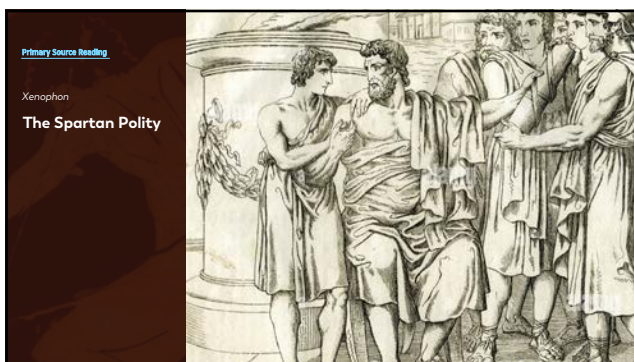
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Spartan women



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Primary Source heading

Plutarch

Sayings of Spartan Women



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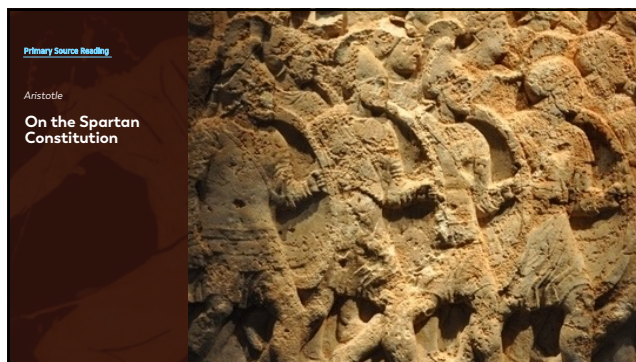
Marriage



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The Spartan state

- Kings
 - Agiad and Eurypontid
- Gerousia
- Ephors
- Assembly

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Primary Source Reading

Plutarch

The Great Rhetra of Sparta

Διὸς Συλλανίου καὶ Ἀθανᾶς Συλλανίας ἱερὸν ἱδρυμένον, φυλὰς φυλάξαντα καὶ ὥβας ὠβάξαντα, τριάκοντα γερούσιαν σὺν ἀρχαγέταις καταστήσαντα, ὥρας ἐξ ὥρας ἀπελλάζειν μεταξύ Βαβύκας τε καὶ Κνακίωνος, οὕτως εἰσφέρειν τε καὶ ἀφίστασθαι δάμω δὲ τὰν κυρίαν ἡμεν καὶ ράτος.

αἱ δὲ σκολιὰν ὁ δᾶμος ἔλοιτο, τοὺς πρεσβυγενέας καὶ ἀρχαγέτας ἀποστατήρας ἡμεν.

Having founded a temple of Zeus Syllanios and Athene Syllania, having tribed [or preserved] the tribes and obeyed the obes, having established thirty as a council of elders together with [the leaders/kings], from time to time [to celebrate Apollo/hold assemblies] between Babycia and Cnacion, thus to bring in and to set aside. Ultimate authority and power is to be the people's.

If the people speaks crookedly, the elders and [leaders/kings] be settlers aside.

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Spartan gods



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The "Spartan Mirage"



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