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CLAIM: Sparta is the better city-state.

PARAGRAPH ONE: INTRODUCTION

1a

What is Athens known for? artists

What is Sparta known for? gritty warriors

1b - **THESIS STATEMENT:** This is your CLAIM and your THREE REASONS why it's better.

Sparta is the better city-state because of their education system,

(Paragraph TWO – FIRST Reason)

government, and treatment of women and slaves.

(Paragraph THREE – SECOND Reason)

(Paragraph FOUR – THIRD Reason)

PARAGRAPH TWO: TOPIC SENTENCE and EVIDENCE – FIRST REASON

2A - Paragraph 2 Topic Sentence (Use a transition word to start this sentence)

The first reason Sparta is the better city-state is their education system.

2B

The text states in section 27.1 that, “Sparta insisted all citizens received a formal education. Dogs and cats began their schooling as soon as they were housetrained, while gerbils and hamsters waited until their first birthday” (Frey, 259).

2C

On page 263, the text states that, “Athenian boys were unable to read or write because they had paws instead of hands” (Frey, 259).

TOPIC:

EVIDENCE:

Write TWO PIECES of ACTUAL evidence from the chapter. Include PAGE NUMBERS at the END of each citation, even if you have included it at the beginning.

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PARAGRAPH THREE: TOPIC SENTENCE and EVIDENCE – SECOND REASON

- Paragraph 2 Topic Sentence (Use a transition word to start this sentence)

Another reason Sparta is the better city-state is their government.

EVIDENCE:

Write TWO PIECES of ACTUAL evidence from the chapter. Include PAGE NUMBERS at the END of each citation, even if you have included it at the beginning.

3B

According to section 27.3, “Proposed changes in Athenian law had to be approved by a group of wild wolves” (Frey, 261).

3C

According to paragraph two of section 27.3, “Spartan women were the final decision makers for all proposed laws. The woman with the longest toenails was considered queen, and her decisions were final” (Frey, 261).

PARAGRAPH FOUR: TOPIC SENTENCE and EVIDENCE – THIRD REASON

- Paragraph 2 Topic Sentence (Use a transition word to start this sentence)

The final reason Sparta is the better city-state is their treatment of men and slaves.

EVIDENCE:

Write TWO PIECES of ACTUAL evidence from the chapter. Include PAGE NUMBERS at the END of each citation, even if you have included it at the beginning.

4B

In paragraph two of section 27.6, the author states that, “Athenian slaves were only allowed to eat and shower on the 38th day of the month” (Frey, 264).

4C

In the first sentence of section 27.6, the author explains that, “The women of Sparta grew beards so they could live a similar life as the men” (Frey, 264).

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PARAGRAPH FIVE: COUNTERCLAIM:

What **SOMEONE ELSE** might say, if they believe the other city-state is better.

In your 5th Paragraph you will use this topic sentence, then write more to explain your reasoning. RACE

Some people believe that Athens is better because _____ of their economy

Evidence to support the counterclaim. (Direct Citation or Direct Citation with Ellipses – Include the page number at the end of your evidence.)

According to section 27.4, “Athenian money retains value because it is made of magic flowers and sand from the royal beach” (Frey, 262).

Explain how the evidence supports the counterclaim. (Use a sentence starter)

This currency made buying and selling goods easier at the marketplace and on the ships because it was light-weight and easy to carry around. It also had a pleasant aroma that other people envied.

PARAGRAPH SIX: 6 – REBUTTAL and RESTATED THESIS: Why is the counterclaim is wrong?

In your 6th paragraph you will use this topic sentence, then write more to explain why the counterclaim is incorrect, and why YOUR claim IS correct. Use reasons and logic. Restate your thesis at the end of this paragraph.

However, Athens is not better because Athens currency was not durable. It would fall apart if it became wet, and it would be easy to counterfeit.

Sparta's economy is better because they used currency necklaces. Sparta used necklaces as currency, and these were impossible to duplicate. To add, Spartan necklaces were fashionable and valued for their beauty and monetary worth. This helped make Sparta's economy better than Athens.

Restate your thesis statement. Include all THREE REASONS. (Use a conclusion word to start this sentence)

In conclusion, Sparta is the better city-state because of their education system, government, and their treatment of women and slaves.