

Name: _____

The Greek Political Tradition Assignment

Part 1: Close reading of the documents-Answer each of the following questions citing specific evidence from the text itself. You may make notations that correspond with the text.

Plutarch on Sparta

1. According to Lycurgus, what is the most important function of the Spartan state? What measures are taken to accomplish that task?
2. What is the role of women in Spartan society? Why is it different than in others?
3. How were bachelors treated? Why?
4. What type of social structure existed in Sparta? What factors were most important in social distinction?
5. What was “freedom” according to Spartans?
6. How do Spartans fulfill their role as “citizens?”

Pericles on Athens

1. What are the greatest attributes of Athenian society?
2. How does the Athenian government work? Describe.
3. What are the positives and negatives regarding Athens being open to foreigners?
4. What is “freedom” to an Athenian?
5. How did Athenians fulfill their role as “citizens?”
6. Why is Athens the greatest of the Greek states?

Part 2: Compare Athens and Sparta based on the two readings. Write a thesis based on that comparison.

Part 3: Debate