

Persuasive Athens/Sparta Essay

Content Standard:

- Students will investigate the formation of Greek city-states, with an emphasis upon political systems and cultural values using Athens and Sparta

Process Standard:

- Practice writing with a clear thesis and specific details

Task:

Upon completion of the chart (comparative Chart analyzing elements of the two most well-known Greek City-States, Athens and Sparta) students must write a persuasive essay in which they must explain and defend which city-state that they would rather reside. Be sure your thesis or goal is stated in your introduction and you maintain the interest of the audience.

Category	4	3	2	1
Thesis/Goal (x2)	There is one goal or thesis that strongly and clearly states a personal opinions and identifies a position	There is one goal or thesis that states a personal opinions and identifies a position	A personal opinion is not clearly state and there is little to identify a position	A personal opinion is not easily understood and there is no position
Reasons/Support (x2)	Three or more excellent reasons are stated and a are well supported	Three or more reasons are stated, but the arguments are weak in places	Two reasons are made, but the arguments are weak	Reasoning is weak or missing OR less than two reasons were given.
Organization	The introduction states the goal or thesis. Information is presented in a logical order and maintains the interest of the audience	The introduction states the goal or thesis. Information is presented in a logical order but doesn't maintain the interest of the audience.	The introduction vaguely states the goal or thesis. Information is not presented in a logical order and doesn't fully maintain the interest of the audience.	The introduction does not state the goal or thesis. Information is not presented in a logical order and doesn't maintain the interest of the audience.
Total: _____/20 points				