

# ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

## OVERVIEW

### THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

### QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

### CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **erase** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

### GRADE LEVEL

### RANGE

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BEGINNING

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END

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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END

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

6

END

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BEGINNING

# ANCIENT GREEK CITY-STATES

In ancient Greece there was no one ruler over the whole country. Each major city was responsible for ruling itself and the smaller cities, farmland, and coastal estates around it. The two most important city-states in Ancient Greece were Athens and Sparta, but Corinth, Thebes, Argos, Delphi, and Rhodes were also vital parts of Ancient Greece along with nearly 1,000 others.

A city-state, also called a "polis," had an urban center, or city center that branched out into the neighboring countryside. There was often a wall built around the center of the city for protection from enemies of the city-state. The city centers, or acropolises, were built inside the walls, on the top of a hill. Every city-state believed the twelve most important Greek gods lived on Mount Olympus.

In each city-state, the center of activity was called the agora. The agora included an open-air marketplace and gathering place for the town. Elected officials would hold meetings near the agora in places called a "bouleterion" or council house. The agora usually had a mint, or a place where coins were made.

The city-state of Sparta was run by an oligarchy, meaning a small number of people were in charge. Sparta had two kings and a council of five men, called ephors, who watched over the kings. Sparta placed a strong emphasis on everyone working together to support the military. All Spartan boys began their military training at age 7 and served until they were 60. Sparta was dedicated to Greek gods Ares and Artemis.

The city-state of Athens, in a region called Attica, valued education and personal growth. Instead of a strong military on land, Athens favored a strong navy in the water because they were close to the ocean and used fast ships called "triremes." They were run by a democracy, where they allowed every person a vote in how the city was run. Athens was home to many famous philosophers including Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates. The

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Spartan men served  
 in the military until  
 the age of \_\_\_\_\_.



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60



60



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Which city-state was  
 home to a statue of  
 the Titan Helios?



Rhodes



Corinth



Athens



Delphi

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In each city-state the  
 center of activity  
 was called the \_\_\_\_\_.



Delphi



Bouleterion



Ephor



Agora

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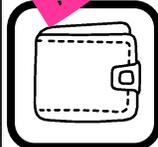
There was rumored  
 to be the birthplace  
 of the Greek god \_\_\_\_\_.



Poseidon



Hercule



Artemis



Zeus

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Greeks believed the most important gods lived on Mount Olympus.



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Which city-state was home to Plato, Aristotle, and Socrates?



Sparta

Corinth

Delphi

Athens

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Which temple was dedicated to Athena?



Stadion

Parthenon

Colosseum

Hellenes

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Eventually, the city-states were forced to unite under \_\_\_\_\_ the Great.



Cyrus

Alexander

Xerxes

Cassius

# CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED  
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

CONGRATULATIONS

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LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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# SPARK SOME

# *creativity*

**ESCAPE  
ROOMS**

**SCAVENGER  
HUNTS**

**SPY  
MYSTERY**

**TEXT  
DETECTIVE**

**SECRET  
MESSAGES**

**THINKTIVITY**

**BREAKOUTS**

**READING  
CHALLENGE**

**INTERACTIVE  
NOTEBOOK**

**DIGITAL  
ESCAPES**

**DIGITAL  
BOARD  
GAME**

**COLOR BY  
NUMBER**

**TASK  
CARDS  
GAME**

**GOOGLE  
SLIDES**

**GOOGLE  
FORMS**

**PUZZLE  
STATIONS**

**BOOM  
CARDS**

**BLOG**