

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 **mark off** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

4

BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

5

MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

SPARTA

Sparta was a city-state in Ancient Greece located on the Evrotas river. Sparta was in the area of southern Greece now known as Laconia. After winning the Peloponnesian War against Athens in the year 404 BC, Sparta was a major power in Ancient Greece.

The Spartan government was an oligarchy, which means it was ruled by a few people. Sparta had two kings - the Assembly and the Gerousia. A council of five men called the ephors watched over the kings.

In Ancient Greece, two of the main city-states were Sparta and Athens. Athens was more of a center for learning and the arts, but Sparta was a warrior society. They prided military service above anything else. In fact, the very name Spartan means self-restrained, a rule follower, and someone leading a simple yet strict life. The Spartans were proud of their lives and their city-state. Loyalty to the state came above any one person, even family and friends.

Sparta prided itself on its warriors and military strength and believed they were descendants of the Greek god Hercules. In fact, military service began at the age of seven, when young boys began to train to become a Spartan warrior. They began a strict course of education on how to be good soldiers and how to interact with others in their capacity as soldiers for Sparta. This education was called Agoge and stressed the importance of obedience and duty to Sparta, discipline in their actions, and endurance, or having the strength to fight and withstand for what you are trained for.

Spartan society was made up of three main social classes: the full-blooded Spartans, the Helots or enslaved persons, and the perioeci, the traders and craftsmen. All Spartan men were soldiers so they didn't have time for any work around the city-state of Sparta. All the manual labor was done by the Helots. The Helots made up the largest part of the Spartan population.

Spartan women were not soldiers, but they were well-educated and

3

Men served in the military until they were _____.



40



70



60



70

4

Spartan battle equipment included a shield called an _____.



Aspis



Dory



Ephor



Xiphos

5

How many _____ made up the ephor?



20



15



10



5

6

Spartans believed they were descendants of the Greek god _____.



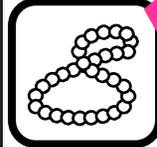
Poseidon



Hercules



Athena



Hermes

7

What was the short
Spartan sword
called?



Ephor



Aspis



Drachma



Xiphos

8

What council looked
after the kings?



Aspis



Laconia



Evrotas



Ephor

9

Sparta was a Greek
state located on the
_____ River.



Rhine



Evrotas



Nile



Orinoco

10

What color clothing
did Spartan soldiers
wear?



Black



Red



Green



Blue

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

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:



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