Occidental political thought

(the Greek Era)

The State of Sparta

**Political System**:

* The system of select few
* A council of 30 members: 28 elders + 2kings who are the leaders of the army.
* The Ephors: 5 leaders elected by the citizen assembly, they enjoy the total power, they had the authority to arrest the members of the council.

**Economic System**:

* Agricultural aspect –farming lands, that’s why they conquered the land of Messinia and made the Messinians as slaves.

**Military System**:

* A strong army,
* Invasion to get more lands,
* The joint to the army is obligatory for men from the beginning of their lives; they had to be strong and fearless through training.

**Social System**:

* The only job of men is to fight.
* The slaves had to do the other works
* The main aim of marriage is having children for sake of protecting Sparta
* The ability to own lands, the inability to vote or hold office for women.

The State of Athens

**Political System**:

* Democratic system
* The rulers are the Athenians
* The people’s love for freedom
* The people’s obedience to laws and service in the military and on juries.
* The people’s duties such as: helping the governors in running their city, paying taxes.
* The ostracization and leaving the city for 10 years is the punishment in case of law violation.

**Economic System**:

* Importing food from other areas.
* Trade

**Military System**:

* The greatest navy power.
* The control over many city-states.

**Social System**:

* An ordinary life for both men and women however women are often house workers and men were permitted to go outside (sports, theater).