

- Typical *polis* had same basic structure
 - Wide variety of local forms
 - For example = the franchise
 - Citizens voted directly
 - Decision to wage war
 - No chronological uniformity
 - FYI:
 - Example of Two Cities: Sparta & Athens

- Sparta
 - Earliest & most radical
 - Was oligarchy

- Two villages on Laconian plain
- Two-tiered social structure

- *Homoioi*

- *Helots*

- Others have slave – BUT

- Spartan imperialism

- Conquered Messenia

- Enslaved inhabitants

- *Helot* population outnumbered Spartans

- Assumes permanent wartime position

- Focal point = war; society organized around it

- Society redesigned = hoplite phalanx

- Lycurgus – The Law Giver
 - According to Plutarch
 - Charilaus
 - Gave up all authority
 - Studied governments
 - Went to oracle at Delphi
 - Spartan society = military training camp
 - First reform = gov't
 - *Archagetai*
 - *Gerousia*
 - *Ekklesia*

- Right to vote

- Important “check”

- *Ephors*

- Elections

- Addressed land ownership
 - Divided land equally

- Banned ownership of gold & silver

- Banned all useless occupations

- Public mess-halls
 - All meals had to be eaten together

 - No conspicuous consumption

- Divided into tables of 15 men

- Laws of Lycurgus = *rhētra*
- Education of the young

- Girls

- Spartan women

- » Lovers had to be in secret

- » Marriages = secret

- Jealousy was forbidden

- Children not property of parents

- All babies brought to *Gerousia*

- » *Apothetae*

- Boys

— @ 7 = *Agoge*

— @12= *irens*

— Steal food

— Taught to say a lot w/ a few words

- Humor

- Music

 - Inspirational songs

 - Tyrtaeus

- War

 - Greatest privilege = fight near king

 - Before battle

- Hymn to Castor

- Wise policy

- Law = not make war often

- Litigation died out

- Helots did labor

- Perioikoi

- Foreign travel prohibited

- Citizens neither would nor could live by themselves

- One more thing remained to be done

— For 500 years Sparta kept laws of Lycurgus

— To the other Greeks

— Spartans were trailblazers

• Athens

— Process took different path

- Problem = sharing of political power
- Had traditional institutions of other protodemocratic states
- *Archons*

— Process of transforming = slow

— Draco

- "Draconian"
- *Thesmi* = 1st written constitution

- *Axones*

- Death penalty

- All his laws were later repealed except homicide
- Call for reforms from lower classes

- Many feared rise of a *tyrant*

- Ex. Cylon

- Ex. in Megara

- Solon

- Made sole archon

- Inspired by Hesiod

- Prior to Solon:
 - Athens = oligarchy

- Under Solon:
 - Citizens

 - *Ekklesia*

- *Timokratia*
 - Top tier = “general class”

 - 2nd tier = “knight class

 - 3rd tier = “hoplite class”

 - 4th tier = “thetes class”

- Economic reforms

- Solon’s reforms = moderate

- Warning to Athenians

- Old social rifts re-appeared

- Pisistratus
 - Military hero & champion of *demos*

 - Advocate for rural classes

 - Euboea

 - First:
 - Became = prosperous

 - Over 25 years

 - Minted first coins

 - Massive civil works projects

- Instituted Panatheniac Games

- Also:

- 'Cash crops'

- Launched land reforms

- Subsistence to surplus

- Ex. olive oil

- Massive boost to crafts

- Died in 527 BC

- Hippias & Hipparchus

- Power base of *demos* = hoplite phalax

- *Demos* = fickle; soon turns

- Economic depression

- Darius I

- Hipparchus assassinated by *Tyrannicides*

- Hippias engages in purges

- Oracle commands Spartan

- Cleomenes I

- Forced Hippias to leave

- FYI:

- Post Hippias:

- Conservatives = "ancestral constitution"

- Moderates realizes conservatives mean pre-Solonian era

- Led by Cleisthenes

- Civil war erupted
 - Sparta & Peloponnesian League
 - Moderates persuaded to allow Spartan to leave
- Cleisthenes "the father of Athenian democracy"
 - Dramatic political reforms
 - Eligibility opened to every citizen
 - Weakened family & clan structures
 - Replaced with *demes*
 - From *demes*
 - New government structure:
 - *Boule*

— *Heliaia*

— Various committees

- *Ostracism*

- Effect of Cleisthenes' reforms: