

Spartan Social Structure

Spartiates

Born into or adopted by a Spartan family.

Could hold office and vote in the Assembly.

Owned land and paid community fees.

Were full-time soldiers, supported by estates.

Perioeci

Had no Spartan parents or was an untrained adult Spartan.

Had legal protections.

Could not own land or vote.

Were merchants and artisans.

Helots

Born as slaves, descended from the first inhabitants of the region.

Severely oppressed by Spartiates.

Worked the land and supported Spartiate families.

Could own some personal property.

