**Athenian Social Classes**

**Upper Class** – upper class consisted of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who were Citizens, and either high ranking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ officers or very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Middle Class** – Majority of citizens were in this class. Included \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, traders and other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**Lower Class** – consisted of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ men who were once slaves as well as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ families. The members of this class were not Athenian citizens and had no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rights.

**Slaves** – slaves were very common in Athens. Even the poorest families often had at least one. Slaves were often prisoners of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, stolen as children from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or traded from other countries. Slaves were often treated very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by masters in Athens and could be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Athenian Government**

Athens is most famous for inventing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The government had three parts:

**The Assembly** – made of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who voted. New \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and important decisions (such as when to go to war) were decided by the assembly.

**The Council** – Also called the Council of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It consisted of \_\_\_\_\_\_ members all whom were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Seats were given out for a term of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and were determined by a lottery system.

**The Courts** – The court system dealt with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Juries of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people decided private lawsuits and juries of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made decisions in public cases.

Athens was the first city state to have a true and efficient form of democracy. It was very direct – every citizen could vote, majority ruled. Period.