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**Spartan Geography**

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| Sparta is located in the region of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in the southeastern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Peninsula.  Ancient Sparta was built on the banks of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River, the main river of Laconia, which provided it with a source of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  The valley of the Eurotas is a natural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, guarded on 3 sides. To the west is \_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 2,407 meters and to the east is Mt. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 1,935 meters.  To the north, Laconia is separated by hilly uplands and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mountains.  These natural defenses worked to Sparta's advantage and contributed to Sparta never having been invaded.  Though landlocked, Sparta had a harbor, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on the Laconian Gulf.  **Spartan Climate C:\Users\aswisher\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UTDTXE3C\sun[1].jpgC:\Users\aswisher\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\17AV5WIH\raincloud[1].png**  Spartan winters were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  While their summers were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with average rainfall.  The location of Sparta allowed the people to grow more crops than the average Greek city-state. They grew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  They used the flat plain-like area in the valley to graze \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  The Spartans also raised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  http://www.shorthistory.org/images/Sparta-location.jpg |



