

**Women in Ancient Greece and Rome:
Reading Focus quiz 3: Spartan Women**

_____ 1. Which is NOT true of the Heraea (a) it involves a footrace in a costume that bares one breast (b) the Spartan women dedicate a robe they have woven to Hera (c) they run in the Olympic stadium (d) women from all over Greece attend the event

_____ 2. True or false: Spartans were forbidden to participate in money-making occupations.

_____ 3. True or false: Spartan women were not educated in reading and literature, though Spartan men were carefully as Spartan men.

_____ 4. Which is NOT a reform of Lycurgus: (a) women were to have extensive physical training (b) under certain circumstances, women could have intercourse with men other than their husbands (c) women were enabled to take economic control of family holdings (d) before marriage, women received military training and might even go into battle

_____ 5. Which is NOT true of Spartan marriage (a) in the first years of marriage, husbands lived in barracks and had to sneak off to have intercourse with their wives (b) potential husbands gave a dowry to the father of the bride, in contrast to the usual practice of fathers giving a dowry to the husband (c) the wedding "ceremony" was a ritualized capture of the bride (d) women were usually married later in Sparta than elsewhere in Greece

_____ 6. Which is NOT true of Plutarch (a) he wrote a history of Sparta to valorize his own Spartan ancestry (b) he describes the key aspects of Spartan weddings and marriage (c) he preserves a collection of pithy statements by Spartan women (d) he wrote about 1000 years after the Spartan reforms and practices he describes

_____ 7. True or false: Xenophon argued that Lycurgus' reforms ultimately undermined Spartan strength and prosperity.

_____ 8. Which is NOT an element of Aristotle's view of Sparta: (a) the freedom given to Spartan women makes them prone to indulging in luxuries (b) The Spartan constitution did not work because it made the women too greedy and the men cannot handle them (c) Spartan men have become cowardly as soldiers because of their wives' overbearing nature (d) women own more than half of the land in Sparta