Jim-Sparta

Imagine you are Leonidas, a seven year old boy in ancient Greece. The time has come to bid your family farewell forever and move to military school. Reading, writing and ‘rithmetic: strictly prohibited! Instead, you will be pushed to your limits and beyond, kept hungry, cold and barefoot. Welcome to Sparta, the warrior state…

The mere whisper of its name sent tremors through the Mediterranean for centuries. Ask the Persians-their army was held off invading Greece by just a few hundred Spartan soldiers. How did they do it? The whole society was set up around fighting. One of its two rulers was always at war. All young men became soldiers, even living in camps after marriage. But who did all the work? The slaves of course -the spoils of war.