

Citizens in Ancient Greece

The people in Ancient Greece (about 3000 years ago) lived in City States which ruled themselves. In these city-states all Greek Men over the age of 18 were citizens if both parents were Greek.

states, Ancient, city, men, Greece, parents



Any free man born in a foreign land was called a metic. These foreigners living in Greece had no citizen rights.

foreign, citizen, free, metic

When an important community decision was to be made, all the Citizens would meet. They would talk about the matter and all citizens would votes. Estimates place on average 5,000 people at these assemblies although 6,000 people were required to allow someone to earn citizenship status.

assemblies, vote, decision, citizens



Slaves and free Greeks without two Greek parents were also not citizens. They took no part in

gov't. **government, free, slaves**

All important positions were filled by elections: judges, generals and government officials. These upper class land owners were also known as aristocrats. All Citizens had the right to stand for election. About one third of all citizens were involved in running affairs at any one time. **citizens, land, elections, aristocrats, involved, important**



Women had many duties but few rights. They were not allowed to vote or stand for election. **vote, duties**