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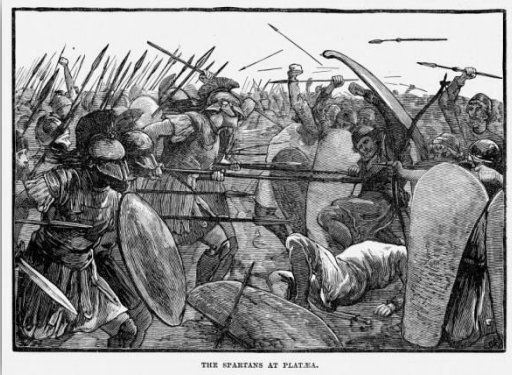
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The Spartan Army

1. The Spartan⁶ army was one of the most superior armies in ancient Greece.
 2. To be a Spartan soldier was one of the sole⁷ duties of a Spartan male.
 3. Spartan boys were trained from a very young age to be warriors. 4. It was commonly accepted that one Spartan soldier was equally skilled as several soldiers combined from any other city-state⁸. 5. Spartans were highly respected for their skill in battle.

68 words

Explain how the author’s proposition was supported.



Vocabulary

- ⁶ Sparta was an ancient city in Greece
- ⁷ only
- ⁸ independent city not governed by others

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Modern Communication

1. Texting has become one of the most common forms of communication today. 2. Because of the accessibility⁹, affordability¹⁰ and ease of use, most people, from junior high school to senior citizens, are sending messages by phone. 3. It is instant and accepted by most everyone. 4. On the average, adults can send up to 357 texts per month while teenagers send as many as 2,800 or more. 5. With so many people texting, it has become more than just sending messages to friends and family. 6. It has become a business and marketing tool, classroom helper, and an emergency alert system in most colleges.

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Vocabulary

⁹ easy to get

¹⁰ have enough money to buy

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Lion Cubs

1. Lion cubs are the most interesting baby animals to watch. 2. Lion cubs like to chase each other around and play tag and nip¹ each other. 3. Lion cubs have fun playing in water and hiding from each other. 4. They also like to climb trees. 5. Most lion cubs are the same color as the adult except they have a few spots on them.

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The Rainforest

1. Rainforests are one of the most important natural resources that we have. 2. The rainforest is very important to the ecology² of the Earth. 3. The plants and trees of the rainforest make much of the Earth’s oxygen. 4. It is almost always raining in a rainforest. 5. Rainforests get over 80 inches of rain every year. 6. People use the plants of the rainforest to make medicine to help cure³ many illnesses.

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Vocabulary

- ¹ softly bite
- ² interaction between living things and where they live
- ³ get rid of