

Politics, Religion
and Culture
amongst the
ancient Greeks

Boundaries

The Greek world – frogs around a pond



 *Greek Cities and Colonies of the Archaic Age. Greek civilization was never limited geographically but thrived in trading and agricultural colonies ringing the Mediterranean and Black Seas.*

Why is Europe considered a separate continent from Asia?



In a greater world



1500 city-states

A city-state is
an
INDEPENDENT
STATE

- It has its own:
 - Laws
 - Religious institutions
 - Calendar
 - Customs and culture

Views of others

- **LYSISTRATA**
Welcome Lampito!
Dear Spartan girl with a delightful face,
Washed with the rosy spring, how fresh you look
In the easy stride of your sleek slenderness,
Why you could strangle a bull!
- **LAMPITO**
I think I could.
It's frae exercise and kicking high behind.¹
- **LYSISTRATA**
What lovely breasts to own!
- **LAMPITO**
Oo ... your fingers
Assess them, ye tickler, wi' such tender chucks
I feel as if I were an altar-victim.
- **LYSISTRATA**
Who is this youngster?
- Very open, in some ways particularly.

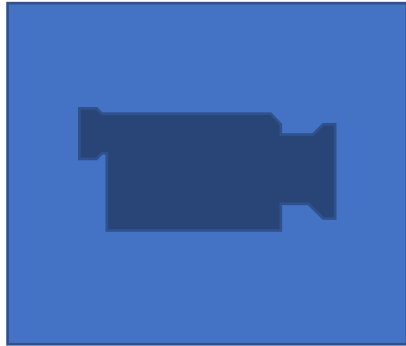
- **LAMPITO**
A Boeotian lady.
- **LYSISTRATA**
There never was much undergrowth in Boeotia,
Such a smooth place, and this girl takes after it.
- **CALONICE**
Yes, I never saw a skin so primly kept.
- **LYSISTRATA**
This girl?
- **LAMPITO**
A sonsie open-looking jinker!
She's a Corinthian.
- **LYSISTRATA**
Yes, isn't she

Aristo. Lys. 70-90

Border areas – border warfare



Hoplite Warfare and arable land



Borders and Sanctuaries



Home boundaries

- We felt desire, gentlemen, for Theodotus, a Plataean boy; and while I looked to win his affection by kindness, this man thought by outrage and defiance of the law to compel him to accede to his wishes. To tell all the ill-treatment that the boy has suffered from him would be a lengthy business: but I think it proper that you should hear the numerous offences he has committed against myself. [6] Hearing that the boy was at my house, he came there at night in a drunken state, broke down the doors, and entered the women's rooms: within were my sister and my nieces, whose lives have been so well-ordered that they are ashamed to be seen even by their kinsmen. [7] This man, then, carried insolence to such a pitch that he refused to go away until the people who appeared on the spot, and those who had accompanied him, feeling it a monstrous thing that he should intrude on young girls and orphans, drove him out by force. Lys. 3.5-7

