



ANCIENT GREEK CULTURE

1. PERIODS OR STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT.
2. MAIN FEATURES OF THE CULTURE.
3. SOCIAL STRUCTURE, GOVERNMENT AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS.
4. RELIGION.

1. PERIODS OR STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT :

**1. CRETE-MYCENAEAN OR
AEGEAN PERIOD,**

THE III – II MILLENNIUMS B.C.;



- **HOMERIC PERIOD**, XI-VIII CENTURIES B.C. (DARK AGES);
- **ARCHAIC PERIOD**, VII-VI CENTURIES B.C.;
- **CLASSICAL PERIOD**, V-VI CENTURIES B.C.;
- **HELLENISTIC PERIOD**, III-I CENTURIES B.C.;
- **ROMAN PERIOD**, VIII CENTURY B.C. – V CENTURY A.D.

2. MAIN FEATURES OF THE CULTURE.

1. COSMOCENTRIC OUTLOOK – UNIVERSE (COSMOS) – HIGHEST POWER THAT REPRESENTED ORDER, BEAUTY AND HARMONY.
2. POLIS STRUCTURE – CITY-STATE – SPECIAL FORM OF POLITICAL GOVERNMENT – DEMOCRACY. GAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE ONESELF AS EQUAL AMONG EQUALS.
3. ENTERTAINING CHARACTER – THEATRE, SPORT EVENTS, CELEBRATIONS IN HONOUR OF GODS.
4. PUBLICITY – CULTURE WAS NOT A PRIVILEGE OF ARISTOCRACY, DEVELOPED SYSTEM OF EDUCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WRITING.
5. ANTHROPOCENTRISM – PERSON IS THE CENTER OF THE SYSTEM OF CULTURAL VALUES.
6. AGONALITY – (AGON=CONTEST, CHALLENGE) – ASPIRATION FOR SUPERIORITY

3. SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STRUCTURE

- MADE UP FROM INDEPENDENT BUT COMPETING CITY-STATES – POLISES;
- MOST OF CITY-STATES WERE GOVERNED BY ARISTOCRATS (“ARISTOI” BEST PEOPLE) → OLIGARCHY
- ATHENS – COUNCIL → 3 MAGISTRATES (ARCHONS); IN 500 B.C. – DEMOCRACY WAS INTRODUCED.

EARLY ATHENIAN LAWGIVERS

1. DRACO - (7TH CENTURY BC), ATHENIAN LEGISLATOR. HIS LAW WAS NOTORIOUS FOR ITS SEVERITY (THE DEATH PENALTY EVEN FOR TRIVIAL CRIMES)

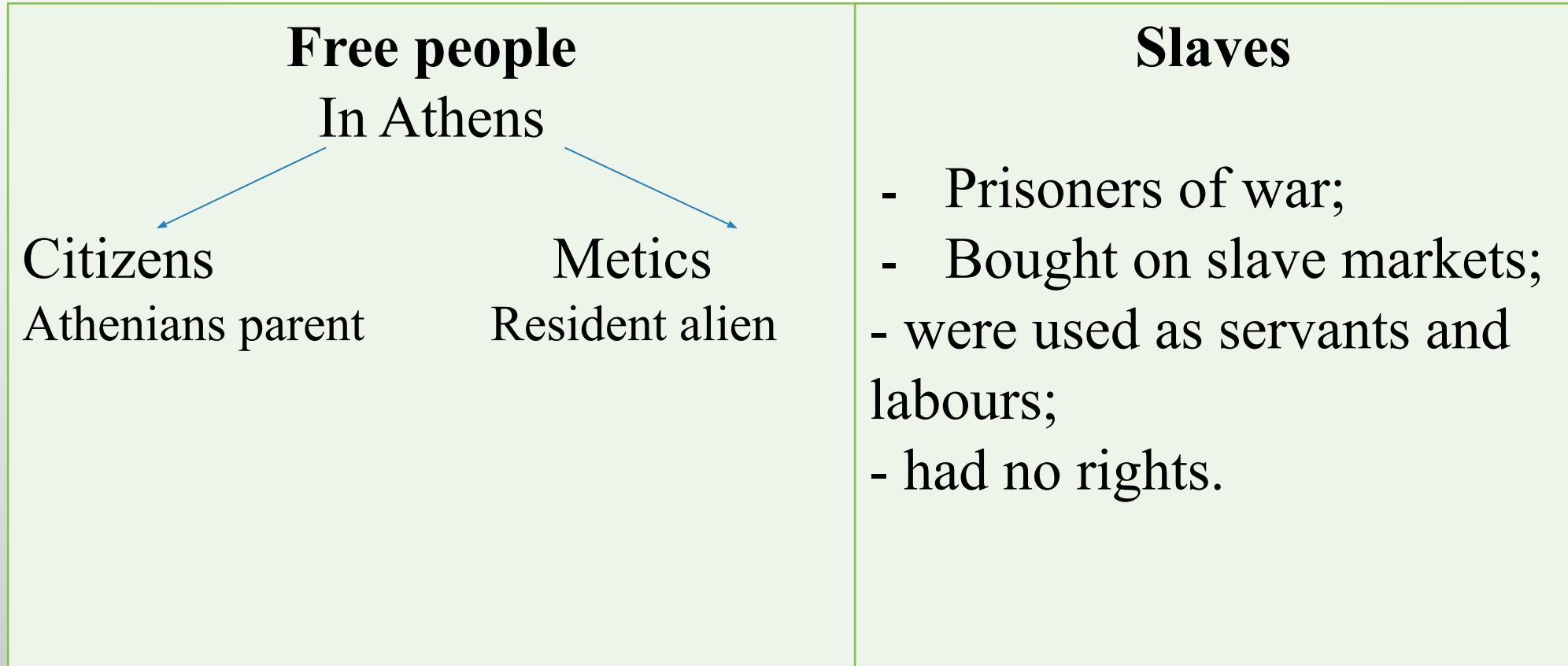
- “DRACONIAN”

2. SOLOON - HE REVISED THE CODE OF LAWS ESTABLISHED BY DRACO. DIVIDED THE CITIZENS INTO FOUR CLASSES???

3. CLEISTHENES

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GREEK SOCIETY

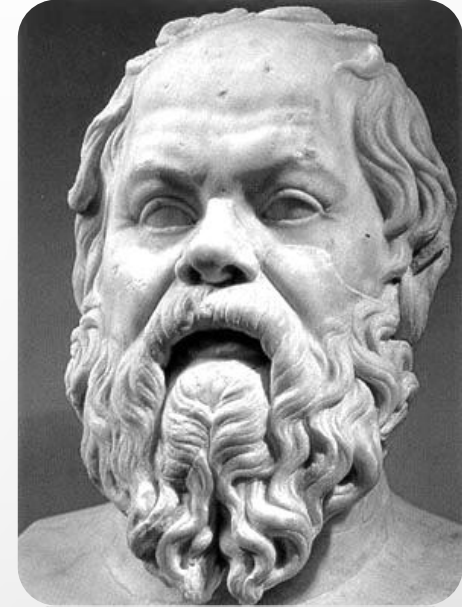


MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

PHILOSOPHY

SOCRATES

- *KNOW THYSELF!*
- QUESTION EVERYTHING
- ONLY THE PURSUIT OF GOODNESS BRINGS HAPPINESS.

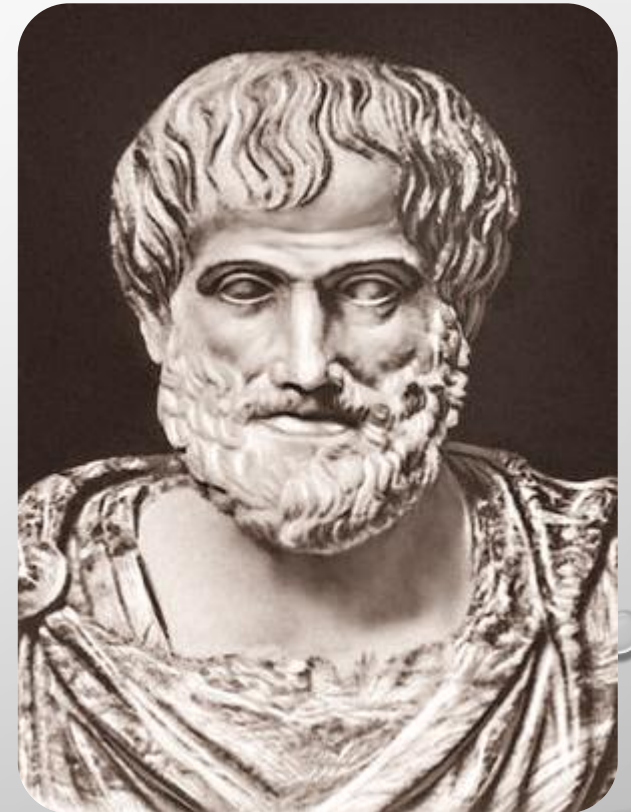


PLATO

- THE ACADEMY
- THE WORLD OF THE FORMS
- THE REPUBLIC □ PHILOSOPHER-KING

ARISTOTLE

- THE LYCEUM
- "GOLDEN MEAN" [EVERYTHING IN MODERATION].
- LOGIC.
- SCIENTIFIC METHOD.



ATHENIANS ART AND SCIENCE

DRAMA AND COMEDY

THE SCIENCES:

- PYTHAGORAS
- DEMOCRITUS □ ALL MATTER MADE UP OF SMALL ATOMS.
- HIPPOCRATES □ "FATHER OF MEDICINE"





