

# Episode 211 - Cicero's On Ends - Book Two - Part 18 - Battle Of The Images

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And I agree with Joshua that Sparta is fascinating, although I would clearly choose Athens if I had to live in the ancient world! 😊

One thing I remember reading (source amnesia) was that some of Sparta's vaunted military reputation was deliberate spin and PR on THEIR part. They wanted people to fear them ... So they didn't actually HAVE to go into battle! They were constantly showing up late or negotiating out of battle. But their literally laconic one-liners and comebacks make for great reading!!