

**Examining and Analyzing Primary Documents**

**Students: Using the ACE Format (Answer, Cite, and Expand) View the History Channel 300 Spartans; the Battle of Thermopylae. Then begin to answer the following questions!**

1. **Answer the question**-Explain in detail how the spartan culture prepared young males to become the greatest fighters in all of Greece if not the world.
2. **Cite Evidence**- What evidence is presented throughout the video that suggests the battle of Thermopylae was a turning point in history for the future of democracy throughout western civilization.
3. **Expand your answer using outside information** – Understanding the impact each of the following had on the success of the Spartans at Thermopylae, rank each one according to its importance in allowing the Spartans to fight against overwhelming odds for 3 days.
  - \* physical training and discipline
  - \* military strategy phalanx system
  - \* superior weaponry (body armor, swords, shields, helmets)
  - \* superior leader (Leonides)

**Students: be sure to include the numbers 1-3 along with the appropriate Ace response. Ex;**

1. **Answer**
2. **Cite Evidence**
3. **Expand your answer (OI)**