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Compare/Contrast Essay

### **The Greeks vs. The Romans**

When you think of two great empires, ancient Greece and Rome come to mind. This is because they are the ones that are most commonly known because they accomplished many theories and devices. The empires were influenced by each other greatly, which spread the culture around the world. The Roman's adopted many ideas from the Greeks, but they also made into their own version like: the role of women, religion and entertainment.

The role of women was not the same on all civilizations, especially for the Greeks and Romans. Despite their differences education was still important, and girls were still limited in learning and participating. For example, in Ancient Rome the father contained all the power, but the mother was not pushed aside. Mothers had a responsibility of managing the household, purchasing food, entertaining guests, and discussing family issues. At the end of the republic, women had a political influence, could own property, and they could even accept inheritances. However, the same story did not happen for the women in Ancient Greece, because marriages were arranged, women were considered inferior to men, and women were supposed to stay in the background of their own homes. The Greek woman's duty was to manage the household, slaves, and children. This just shows that the empires had a diverse attitude for how women should be treated.