

Q: What were relations like between the different city-states?

A: Though they all spoke Greek and honored the same gods, the different city-states had their own identities and were, in fact, often at war with each other. It is for this reason that they had to declare truces in the time surrounding the pan-Hellenic Olympic Games. On the other hand, city-states also entered leagues and formed alliances with other city-states to defeat mutual enemies, such as the Persians and the Macedonians.

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