

Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title:

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THE GREATEST civilization before ours was the Greek. They, too, lived in a dangerous world. They were a little civilized people, surrounded by barbarous and always threatened by the greatest Asian power Persia. In the end they succumbed, but the reason they did was not the enemies outside were too strong, but that their spiritual strength had given way. While they had it, they kept Greece unconquered. Basic to all Greek achievements was freedom. The Athenians were the only free people in the world. In the great empires of antiquity. Egypt, Babylon, Abyssinia and Persia splendid though they were with riches and immense power, freedom was unknown. The idea it was born in Greece and with-it Greece was able to prevail against all the manpower and wealth arrayed against her. At Marathon and at Salamis overwhelming numbers of Persians were defeated by small Greek forces. It was proved there that one free man was superior to many submissively obedient subjects of a tyrant. And Athens, where freedom was the dearest possession, was the leader in those amazing victories.

Greece rose to the very height, not because she was big, she was very small; not because she was rich, she was very poor, not even because she was wonderfully gifted. So doubtless were others in the great empires of the ancient world who have gone their leaving little for us. She rose because there was in the Greeks the greatest spirit that moves in humanity, the spirit that sets men free."

The greatness of Greeks depends upon their inner strength that made them unconquered for a long time despite of barbarous enemies. Great Empires have all the riches but the special ingredient "freedom" was missing. Greeks defeated Persians only because of "Freedom", even Persians were in majority. Greeks become great only because of mightiest power a nation can have and that's its Sovereignty, its freedom.

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Title :- Greatest Spirit of Greeks was freedom.

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Spirit of Freedom in Greek Civilization.

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Freedom is the real strength.