

Welcome to Ancient Greece

Week 6 • Monday • A Land of Mountains and Sea

Today's Goals

- ✓ Find Greece on a map.
- ✓ Learn about Greece's mountains, sea, and islands.
- ✓ Discover why Greeks became great sailors.

Reading Time

Pack your bags — we are sailing from Egypt across the sea to a new land: **ancient Greece**! Greece is in Europe, on the edge of the blue **Mediterranean Sea**. About 2,500 years ago, it was home to one of the most amazing civilizations ever.

Greece looks very different from flat, sandy Egypt. Greece is covered in rocky **mountains**! It also has hundreds of **islands** — pieces of land with water all around them — scattered across the sparkling sea.

The mountains made travel by land very hard, and the rocky soil was tough for farming. So the Greeks turned to the sea! They became expert sailors, fishing and trading in fast wooden ships. Wherever you stand in Greece, the sea is never far away.

Reading Questions

1. What sea is Greece next to?

2. What covers most of Greece's land?

3. Why did the Greeks become great sailors?

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

Greece

Mediterranean

island

mountain

sailor

civilization

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Greece is next to the Mediterranean Sea.
- ☐ Greece is flat like the land around the Nile.
- ☐ Greece has hundreds of islands.
- ☐ Greek land was easy to farm everywhere.
- ☐ Greeks traveled and traded by ship.
- ☐ An island has water all around it.

• **Draw Ancient Greece**

Draw a Greek scene: rocky mountains, the blue sea, a few islands, and a wooden sailing ship.



Think About It

1. How is Greece different from Egypt? Name two ways.

2. Would you rather cross Greece by climbing mountains or sailing a ship? Why?

Review

I learned...	Circle one
Where Greece is	YES / NOT YET
Why the sea mattered to Greeks	YES / NOT YET