

Geography and You

Week 6 • Thursday • How Land Shapes the Way We Live

Reading Time

Here is a big idea: the land around us shapes how we live. In Egypt, the river made people farmers. In Greece, mountains and sea made people sailors and traders. This study of land, water, and how people live with them is called **geography**.

Think about YOUR home. Is it flat or hilly? Hot or cold? Near water or far from it? People near oceans often fish and sail. People on flat plains often farm. People in cold places build warm houses and wear heavy coats.

Geography still shapes us today — what we eat, the jobs people do, and how we travel. Next time you ride in a car, look out the window like a geographer. Ask: how does this land shape the people who live here?

Reading Questions

1. What is geography?

2. How did geography shape the Greeks?

3. How does the land where YOU live shape your life?

Egypt, Greece, or My Home?

Fill in the table comparing the three places.

Question	My answer
Egypt's most important water was the...	
Greece's land is covered in...	
Greeks traveled mostly by...	
My home is near... (water? hills? plains?)	
People where I live travel mostly by...	

Fill in the Blanks

geography

sailors

farmers

mountains

sea

1. The study of land, water, and people is called _____.

2. Egypt's river helped people become _____.

3. Greece's _____ made land travel hard.

4. The _____ became the Greek highway.

5. Living near the sea helped Greeks become _____.

Show What You Think

1. If your town were surrounded by mountains and sea like Greece, how might your life change?

2. What do people in your area do because of the land or weather there?

Draw It!

Draw a map of the area around your home. Add hills, water, roads, and your house.

Review

I learned...	Circle one
What geography means	YES / NOT YET
How land shapes how people live	YES / NOT YET