

Ancient Greece Geography



How has the geography of Georgia impacted your lives?

Driving

Vacation

School

Clothing

Recreation

Geography had the same impacts on
Ancient Greeks

Climate of Ancient Greece

Greece has a Mediterranean climate

- Winters are mild and wet
 - allows for limited farming
 - grapes and olives
- Summers are warm and dry
 - leads to drought
 - grapes and olives are one of the few plants that can survive the summer droughts
- November
 - Greece receives 2.2 inches of precipitation
 - Average temperature is a balmy 64 degrees

Physical Geography

Greece is very mountainous

- 75% of Greece is covered by mountains
- Difficult to farm

Surrounded by seas

- Greece is located on the Balkan Peninsula
- Made trade easier
 - Could get what they could not grow
 - Also brought ideas back with them

Ancient Greek Culture

Cut off by mountains and the seas

- Isolated
 - Led to the formation of city-states
 - Limited interaction and unity of Ancient Greece
 - Created fierce rivalries
- Sea became a vital link
 - Hundreds of bays to provide safe harbor for ships
 - Skilled sailors
 - Traded olive oil, wine, and marble
 - Returned with grains, metals, and ideas
 - Adapted the Phoenician alphabet
 - Became basis for all Western alphabets

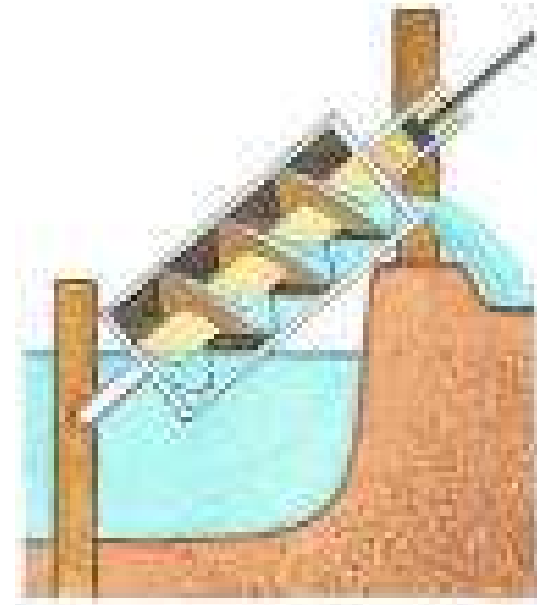
Ancient Greek Culture

What did the Greeks do?

- They were isolated
- They had nice weather
- They had fierce rivalries

What Ancient Greeks did

- Went to war
 - Peloponnesian, Trojan, and Persian Wars
- Developed great thinkers
 - Homer, Socrates, Plato
 - Herodotus- Father of history
 - Archimedes- Archimedes Screw
- Built temples to the gods and goddesses



Ancient Greek Culture

Wrote poetry and drama

- Tragedy
 - Sophocles
 - Euripides
- Comedies
 - Aristophanes
- Performed outside with little or no scenery
- Stadium seating



How did the Geography of Greece impact Ancient Greeks?

Created

- Great thinkers
- Great architecture
- Skilled traders
- War mongers
- Technology