

Physical Features:

Greece is a country in south East of Europe. It has borders with 4 other countries (Macedonia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Albania). The Greek landscape is dominated by three elements: the sea, the mountains, and the lowland.

Greece is bordered to the east by the Aegean Sea, to the south by the Mediterranean Sea, and to the west by the Ionian Sea.

Greece's mountainous terrain covers 80% of the country.. Mount Olympus (the home of the Gods) is the highest point on Greece at over 2900m above sea level.

The lowlands consist of rivers and coastal areas. Greece has 13,676 miles of coastline.

Human Features:

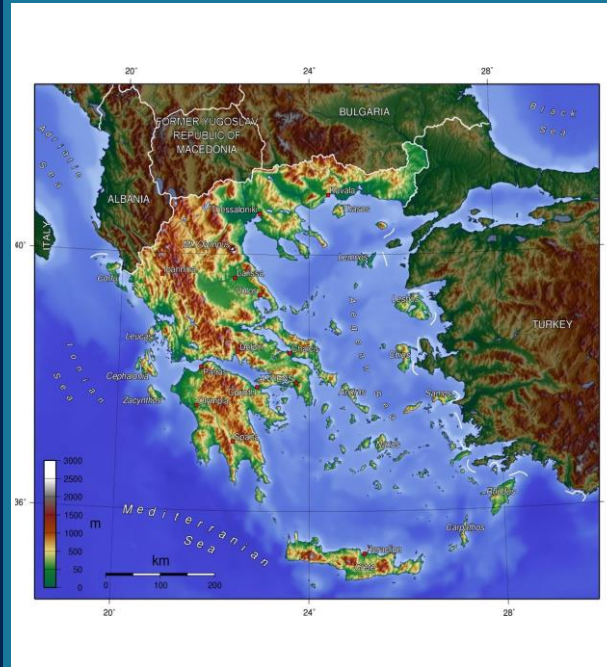
Due to its mountainous terrain 2/3 of the population live in urban areas whilst 40% of the entire population of Greece lives in Athens.

Due to the numerous islands, Greece has the largest coastline in the Mediterranean. In 2015, 26.5 million tourists visited Greece (more than the entire population) for its clear waters and white sands.

Greek houses and buildings are often painted white to reflect the sun.

Most goods are transported and sent from Athens' port.

Map of Greece:



What I should already know:

Greece is part of Europe and is situated in the Mediterranean; it consists of a mainland and numerous islands.

Climate is the measurement of an area's temperature, humidity and rainfall over a long period of time.

There are 8 points on a compass with the 4 main being North, East, South and West.

Key Facts:

Population	Total population – 11 million
Climate	Greece benefits from dry summer and mild wet winters. The average temperature in the summer is 33°C.
Capital city	The capital city of Greece is Athens.
Currency	Greece has used the Euro (€) since 2001, after joining the European Union in 1981.
Economic crisis (2013- 2014)	Poor tax collection and government misreporting led to mass unemployment and higher prices meaning other EU countries had to provide them with economic support.
Greek food	The Greeks are known for their feta cheese, olives and hummus.
Religion	The religion is 98% orthodox Christian.

Key Vocabulary:

urban	Where many people live and work close together.
coastal	Off or near a coast.
rural	An area that is located outside towns consisting of countryside and farmland.
fertile	Land which is capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops.
terrain	A stretch of land especially with regard to its physical features.
mountainous	An area with many mountains.