

**UNIT 2: CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS**  
**Reading Guide 8: Early Greek Civilization**

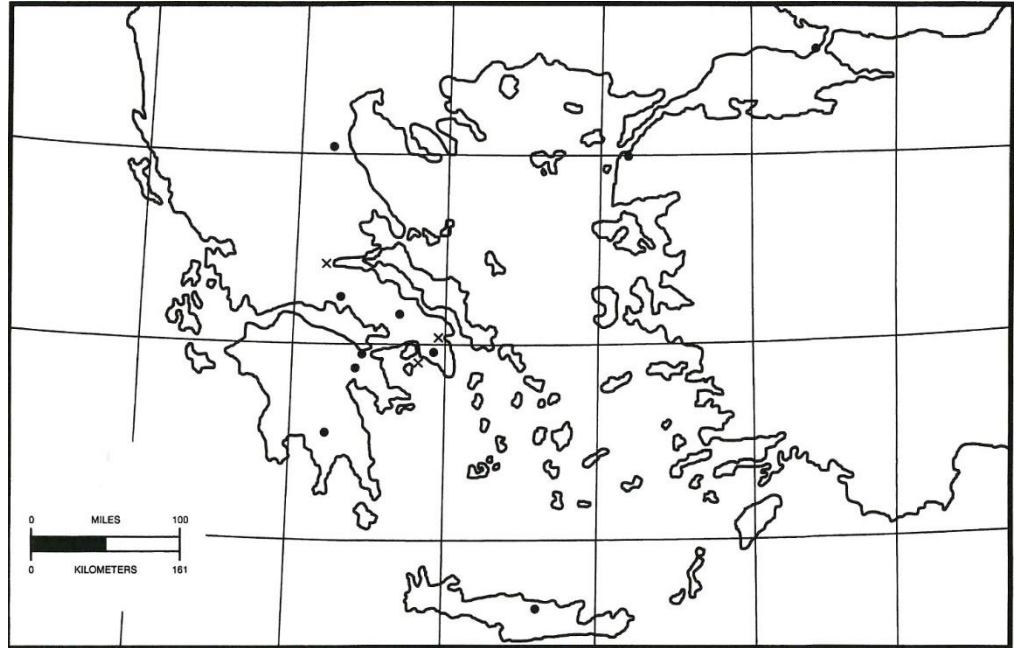
**Directions:** Answer each question below after reading.

**5.1: Cultures of the Mountains and the Sea**

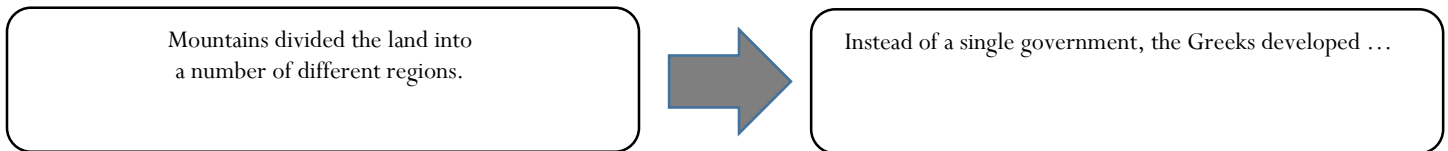
- **Objective A: Identify the ways geography and climate shaped Greek life.**

1. Examine the maps on pages 121, 124, and 132. Label on the map:

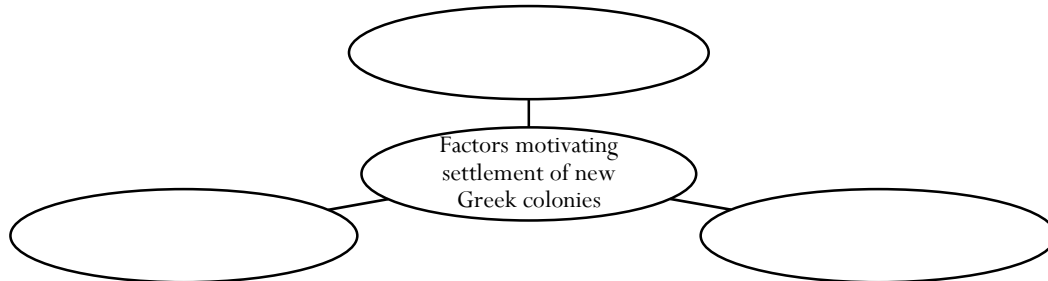
- a. *Ionian Sea*
- b. *Aegean Sea*
- c. Mt. Olympus
- d. CRETE
- e. Athens
- f. Sparta
- g. MACEDONIA
- h. Troy



2. By 3000 B.C., the \_\_\_\_\_ lived on the Greek island of \_\_\_\_\_. At the same time, people from the plains along the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ migrated and settled in mainland Greece.
3. Greece is surrounded by the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea, the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea, and the neighboring \_\_\_\_\_ Sea.
4. Rugged mountains covered about \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient Greece.
5. Complete the chart:



6. Tiny but fertile valleys covered about \_\_\_\_\_ of Greece.
7. Complete the chart.



8. How did Greece's pleasant temperatures affect its culture?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

• **Objective B: Explain the rise and development of Mycenaean civilization.**

- 9. The \_\_\_\_\_ settled on the Greek mainland around 2000 B.C and dominated Greece from about \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.
- 10. Explain the several ways the Minoans influenced the Mycenaean.
  
- 11. During the 1200s B.C., the Mycenaean fought a ten-year war against \_\_\_\_\_ because a Trojan prince had kidnapped \_\_\_\_\_ . German archeologist \_\_\_\_\_ helped establish the factual evidence of this city's existence in the 1870s.

• **Objective C: Describe how Homer and Greek myths contributed to early Greek culture.**

- 12. Around 1200 B.C., the Mycenaean were attacked by the \_\_\_\_\_ who triggered a Dark Age from 1150 to 750 BC.
- 13. The greatest Greek storyteller was a blind man named \_\_\_\_\_. One of his great epic poems is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14. Define *arete*:
- 15. Greek gods included \_\_\_\_\_, the ruler of the gods, \_\_\_\_\_, his wife, and \_\_\_\_\_, goddess of wisdom and guardian of cities.

**5.2: Warring City-States**

• **Objective A: Identify the different political systems that developed in the Greek city-states.**

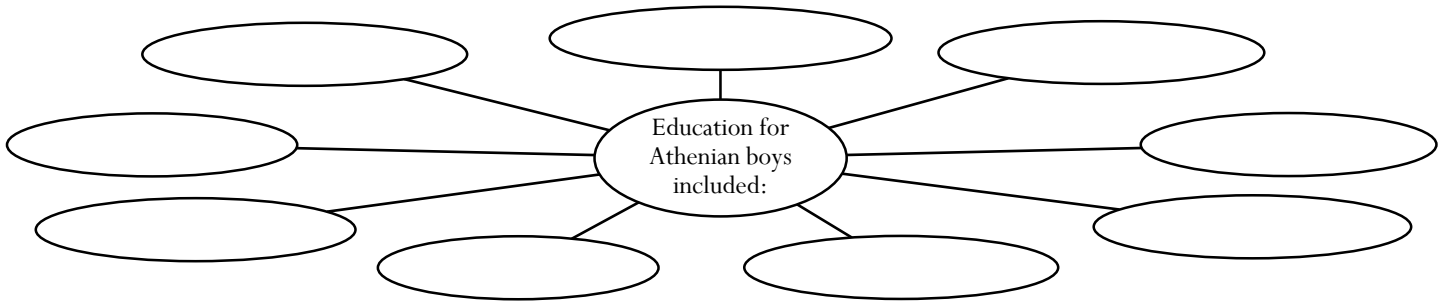
- 16. Define *polis*:
- 17. Define *agora*:
- 18. Define *acropolis*:
- 19. Define *monarchy*:
- 20. Define *aristocracy*:
- 21. Define *oligarchy*:
- 22. Define *tyrant*:
- 23. Define *democracy*:
- 24. Recreate the chart on p. 128:

Forms of Government			
Monarchy	Aristocracy	Oligarchy	Democracy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State ruled by</li> <li>• Rule is</li> <li>• Some rulers claim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State ruled by</li> <li>• Rule is</li> <li>• _____ and _____ support rulers' authority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State ruled by</li> <li>• Rule is based on</li> <li>• Ruling group controls _____</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State ruled by</li> <li>• Rule is based on</li> <li>• _____ decides vote</li> </ul>

• **Objective B: Describe the government of Athens.**

- 25. In 621 B.C., \_\_\_\_\_ developed a legal code based on the idea that all Athenians, rich and poor, were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 26. Solon outlawed \_\_\_\_\_.
- 27. \_\_\_\_\_ broke up the power of the nobility, increased the power of the assembly by allowing all citizens to submit laws for debate and passage, and created the \_\_\_\_\_ whose members were chosen at random.
- 28. Who was excluded from citizenship in Athens?

29. Complete the chart:



• **Objective C: Explain how Athenian and Spartan governments differed.**

30. Sparta built a \_\_\_\_\_ state. Around 725 B.C., Sparta conquered their neighbors who became \_\_\_\_\_, peasants forced to stay on the land they worked and were forced to give Sparta half of their crops.

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ proposed laws. Two \_\_\_\_\_ ruled over Sparta's military forces.

32. Complete the table:

Spartans valued:	Spartans did not value:

33. Spartan males lived in military barracks from age \_\_\_\_\_ to age \_\_\_\_\_, and served in the army until age \_\_\_\_\_.

34. What did Spartan women tell husbands and sons going to war?

35. How did life for Spartan women contrast with life for Athenian women?

• **Objective D: Summarize the battles and results of the Persian Wars.**

36. Define *hoplite*:

37. Define *phalanx*:

38. In 490 B.C., Persians under the king \_\_\_\_\_ the Great were defeated on a plain called \_\_\_\_\_.

39. In 480 B.C., Persians under the king \_\_\_\_\_ were delayed at the mountain pass at \_\_\_\_\_, defeated by the Athenian fleet near the island of \_\_\_\_\_, and were crushed the next year at the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_.

40. The Greeks formed the \_\_\_\_\_ League and drove the Persians from the surrounding territories.

41. How did victory in the Persian Wars affect Athens?