

Greece Shapes Ideas

Read how place, people, and design shaped ancient Greece.

3.6 “The student will apply history and social science skills to describe the geographic, political, economic, and social structures and innovations of ancient Greece by locating ancient Greece on a map of the world...”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline facts that show how Greece's geography affected life, and circle facts about democracy, arts, or buildings that influenced people.

A Land of Sea and Stone

- ① Ancient Greece was in southeastern Europe, beside the Mediterranean Sea. It included a mainland and many islands. Steep mountains separated many communities, so travel by land was hard. Greeks used the sea to travel, fish, and trade. City-states, such as Athens and Sparta, grew in separate valleys and along coasts. A city-state was a city and the land around it.
- ② In Athens, some adult male citizens practiced direct democracy. They met in an assembly, listened to ideas, and voted on laws themselves. This was different from choosing representatives to vote for them. Women, children, enslaved people, and men who were not citizens could not take part. Trade brought olive oil, pottery, and other goods across the sea.
- ③ Greek artists made statues, painted pottery, and performed plays. Writers created dramas for large outdoor theaters. Builders designed temples with rows of tall columns. The Parthenon in Athens used columns and careful balance in its design. Greek ideas about columns, public buildings, art, and theater influenced later places around the world. You can still see Greek-style columns on some buildings today.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Where was ancient Greece located? Name the continent and the sea beside it.

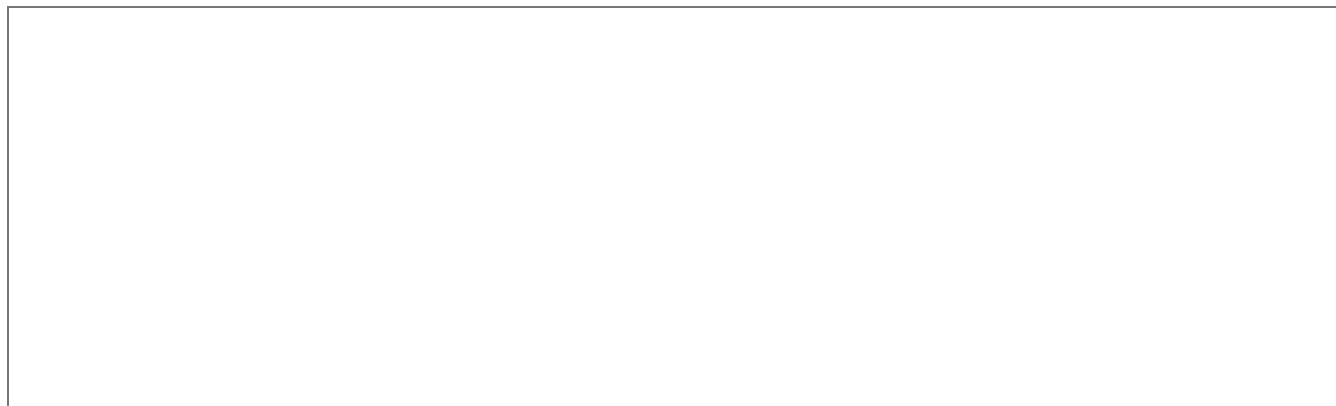
2 How did mountains and the sea affect how Greeks traveled and traded?

3 How did direct democracy work in Athens, and how was it different from choosing representatives?

4 Name one Greek art or building feature and explain how it has influenced the world today.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Draw a public building for your community that uses two Greek-style features, such as tall columns and a balanced front. Label the two features, then write two sentences explaining how your building shows Greek influence.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline facts that show how Greece's geography affected life, and circle facts about democracy, arts, or buildings that influenced people. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where was ancient Greece located? Name the continent and the sea beside it.	Ancient Greece was in southeastern Europe, beside the Mediterranean Sea.
2	How did mountains and the sea affect how Greeks traveled and traded?	Mountains made travel by land hard. Greeks used the sea to travel and trade.
3	How did direct democracy work in Athens, and how was it different from choosing representatives?	Some adult male citizens met in an assembly and voted on laws themselves. They did not choose representatives to vote for them.
4	Name one Greek art or building feature and explain how it has influenced the world today.	Answers may name statues, painted pottery, plays, theaters, or columns. Greek-style columns can still be seen on some buildings today.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My drawing shows a town library with a balanced front and a row of tall columns. These Greek-style columns make the public building look like a Greek temple.

Accept location answers that identify southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean Sea. For the open task, accept any reasonable public building with two labeled Greek-style features and two sentences that explain the connection.