

Honors World History

Reading Questions: The Geography & Culture of Ancient Greece

Part 1. Mapping Ancient Greece.

Locate and label the following features on the blank map of Greece distributed in class. Use maps found in your textbook, and on the Internet, to label the map. Use the search term “Maps of Ancient Greece” to guide your Internet research.

Aegean Sea	Peloponnesus	Athens
Ionian Sea	Mt. Olympus	Sparta
Black Sea	Asia Minor (Anatolia)	Mycenae
Mediterranean Sea	Ithaca	Crete
Hellespont	Troy	

Part 2. Reading Questions.

Read *Patterns of Interaction*, pp. 111-114 and respond to the following in well-developed paragraphs.

1. How did Greece’s location near the sea, mountainous terrain, scarcity of natural resources and climate contribute to shaping ancient Greek civilization? (In other words, how did geography shape ancient Greek life?)
2. Carefully examine the map on page 112. Identify and discuss 3 important pieces of information about ancient Greece reflected in the map. How did Greece’s topography influence its economy?
3. How did the Minoan civilization influence the Mycenaens?
4. Who fought the Trojan War? According to legend, why was it fought? What is its historical and cultural significance?
5. Who was Homer? What epic poems is he known for, and what are some of the major themes of Homeric epic poetry?