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Geography of GREECE

- ** Greece is a peninsula located in the Aegean Sea in southern Europe near Asia Minor
- ** Greece is located in the heart of the basin of the Mediterranean Sea. Access to the Mediterranean allowed for great trade and the spread of Greek culture (Hellenic culture)
- ** Poor farmland (due to an abundance of mountains) forced the Greeks to rely on trading for economic survival
- ** Mountainous terrain led to the development of isolated, independent city-states
 - ** Major city states of ancient Greece were Athens, Sparta, and Troy. Cities were designed promote outdoor life and participation in civic activities.
- ** Due to over-population and poor farmland, Greece established colonies in lands throughout the Mediterranean region.
- ** Located just North of Greece is Macedonia (home of Alexander the Great)