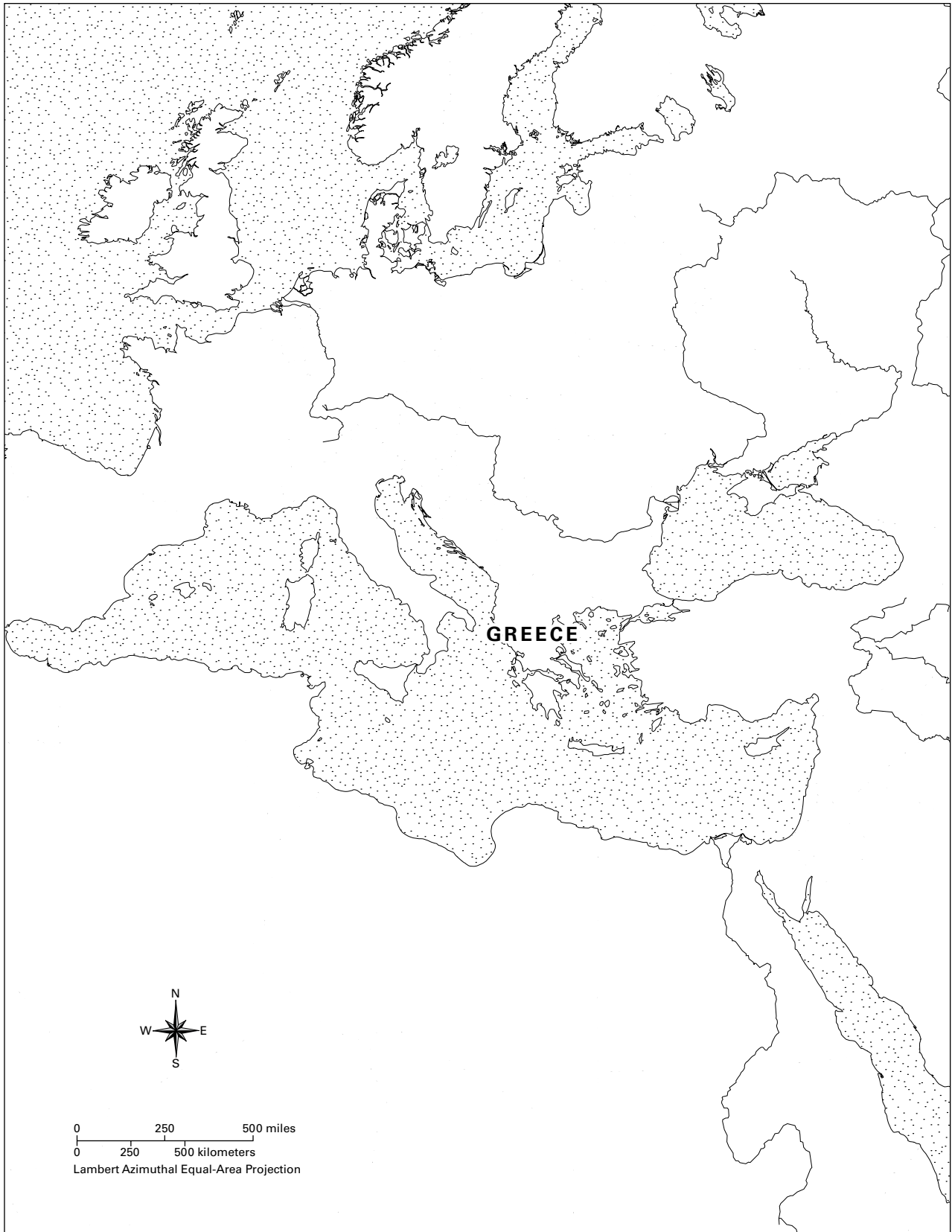


Ancient Greece



Geography Skills

Analyze the maps in “Setting the Stage” for Unit 5 in your book. Then answer the following questions and fill out the map as directed.

1. Locate the sea that is south of ancient Greece. Label it.

What sea lies along the eastern coast of Greece? Label it.

2. On what continent is ancient Greece located? Label it.
3. On which continents did the ancient Greeks establish settlements? Draw and color these colonies and label the continents on which they are located.
4. Use the large map in your book to name the peninsula in Europe that had Greek colonies that were the farthest away from mainland Greece. Then use the scale of miles on the map in your textbook to measure the approximate distance from mainland Greece to this colony.
5. Locate the Adriatic and the Ionian seas on your map and label them. How did the seas surrounding ancient Greece influence its development?
6. In what direction would you travel to get from ancient Greece to Egypt?
7. Locate and label the cities of Athens and Sparta. Which one was farther north?

Geography and the Settlement of Greece

How did geography influence settlement and way of life in ancient Greece?

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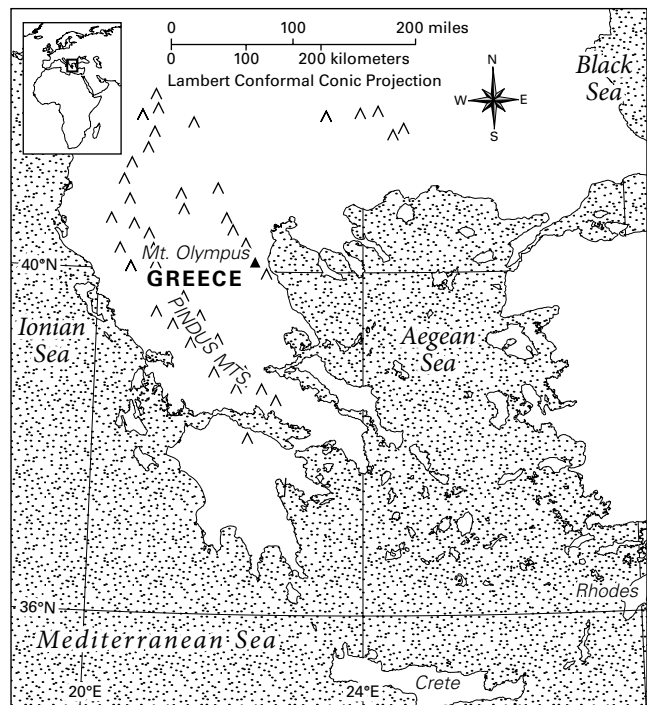
Examine the map and the information about the physical geography of Greece. Then answer the question that follows.

Facts About the Geography of Greece

- Greece has no major rivers.
- Greece is surrounded on three sides by seas.
- Greece is mostly mountainous.
- Greece includes hundreds of islands.

How do you think the physical geography of Greece influenced where people settled and how they lived?

Physical Features of the Greek Peninsula



R E A D I N G N O T E S

Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

peninsula

Aegean Sea

colony

Section 2

1. Examine the map in Section 2 of your book. Where did the ancient Greeks mostly settle?

2. Why were ancient Greek communities isolated from each other?

3. List three or more reasons why travel was challenging in ancient Greece.
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Section 3

1. Complete the chart by listing challenges facing Greek farmers in the first column, and the ways in which farmers met these challenges in the second column.

Challenges to Greek Farmers	How Farmers Met These Challenges

2. Why did some Greek settlements fight each other?

Section 4

1. What was the primary reason why the ancient Greeks started colonies?

2. Describe the actions that the ancient Greeks were likely to take when starting a new colony.

3. When did the Greeks establish colonies? Where were the colonies located?

Section 5

1. Why did some ancient Greek settlements trade?

2. What goods from the Greek mainland were traded? What goods did the Greeks get in exchange?

3. Identify two or more challenges merchant ships faced.
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P R O C E S S I N G

Use the graphic organizer below to create a storyboard for a children’s book about the geography of ancient Greece. A storyboard is a simple draft of your ideas.

In the title box, write a title for your children’s book. In each of the page boxes, make a simple sketch and then write two or three sentences explaining the topic. For example, on *Page 2: Visiting a Farm*, you might sketch crops growing on a hillside, and write about what farmers grew and why. Make sure your sentences are appropriately written for a young audience.

Title:	
Page 1: Traveling from Place to Place	Page 2: Visiting a Farm
Page 3: Starting a Colony	Page 4: Sailing on a Merchant Ship