Ancient Greece

Geography
- Mountainous terrain
- Lack of arable land
- Located on Balkan Peninsula
- Aegean Sea at heart of civilization
- Black & Med. Seas – colonization
- Dardanelles – access to the Black Sea

City-States
- The Polis
  - Athens
    - Education
    - Government
    - Economy
    - Democracy
  - Sparta
    - Militaristic
    - Oligarchy
- Individual cities = Individual Governments
- Monarchy: Aristocracy: Tyranny
- Oligarchy – Sparta
- Direct Democracy - Athens

Governments
- Direct Democracy - Athens
- Monarchy: Aristocracy: Tyranny
- Oligarchy

Greek Wars
- “United we stand, divided we fall”
  - Persian Wars
    - Greek city-states united
    - Battles
      - Marathon
      - Salamis
    - Athens becomes dominant city-state
  - Peloponnesian Wars
    - Greek Civil War
    - Delian League vs. Peloponnesian League
    - Sparta victorious
    - Weakens Greek City-states

Roots of Democracy
- Tyrant Reformers
  - Draco – Law Code
  - Solon – Outlaws debt and slavery
- Pericles – extends citizenship
- Citizens
  - Male-landowners
  - Responsibility of civic participation

Greek Golden Age
- "Golden Age of Pericles"
  - Drama: Aeschylus, Sophocles
  - Poetry: Homer
    - Iliad, Odyssey
  - History: Herodotus, Thucydides
  - Sculpture: Phidias
  - Philosophy: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle
  - Medicine: Hippocrates

Hellenic Culture
- Polytheistic
- Explained natural phenomena
- Expressed human frailties/emotions

The Parthenon

Religion
- Polytheistic
- Explained natural phenomena
- Expressed human frailties/emotions