

# Ancient Greeks

## 1) geography

- change in hydraulic society concept
- no large, major rivers in Greece
- Greek peninsula
- ocean trading civilization

## 2) religion

# The Greeks invent...

- Politics - the idea of public participation
- History - Greek word that means "inquiry"
  - an analysis of the decisions of politics
- Philosophy - the active analysis of life and the greater universe, thus..
- Science - trying to find explanations and final answers to what is analyzed
- Literature -

-polytheistic,  
head guy → Zeus  
-all live on Mt.  
Olympus

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-polis - city,  
Greek organized  
themselves by  
"city-states"  
-people who lived in  
Athens didn't call

themselves Greeks,  
they called themselves  
Athenians

- arete - excellence

in duty, esp. in  
the community or  
on the battlefield

- epics - long

narrative poems  
about Greek heroes

- Homer, "author" of  
2 most famous  
epics, Iliad &  
Odyssey, Homer was  
supposedly blind  
- tragedy - when  
something bad happens  
to people w/ arete



- paideia - education,  
not only of the basics,  
but also of morals'  
and values

- hubris - excessive  
pride or arrogance

- kudos - praise  
given for achievement

- phalanx - tight, close  
ranks of heavily  
armored foot soldiers

- hoplite - a soldier of any Greek city-state, fought in phalanx formation