

Country and Map: Europe

Geography: North of Africa and west of Asia. West of Europe is the Atlantic Ocean and south is the Mediterranean Sea. The Prime Meridian runs through Great Britain, which is part of Europe. It is in the Northern Hemisphere. North of Europe is the Arctic Ocean. There are 43 countries that include Greece and Rome.

Climate/weather: Temperate weather similar to the US and cold, polar regions in the northern portion. Some flooding occurs but there are no tornadoes, monsoons, and hurricanes.

Land Types: There are volcanoes in southern Europe and on Iceland there are more than 100 volcanoes. The edge or coast of the cont. is jagged with many bays, inlets and peninsulas. There are mountain ranges and inland seas. In the east the mountain range of the Urals separate Europe from Asia. There are also many rivers.

Ancient cultures: Now we will focus on Greece and Rome.

Greece: Located among mtns and hills on land surrounded by the Med. Sea. It has limited rich soil for farming.

Government: birthplace of democracy direct democracy-you vote, it counts

Economics: They traded with others so there was interdependence. Economic specialization included farmers, shipbuilders and potters. Farmed on hillsides. Trading took place on Med. Sea.

Culture: art-mosaics, sculpture and pottery

History: first Olympics were started here.

Architecture: Parthenon-columns

Rome: Located among hills on land near the Med. Sea., near a river with limited rich soil.

Government: representative, you elect people to create the laws and rules-republican form of govt.

Economics: They traded with others so there was interdependence. Economic specialization included farmers, shipbuilders and potters

Culture: art-mosaics, sculpture and pottery

Architecture: Colosseum and aqueducts (arches)

Later in Europe's history, the great explorers sailed the oceans to find riches and colonize new lands.

Columbus: sailed for Spain, to find western sea route to Asia. First European to discover a sea route to America, discovered "New World"

DeLeon: sailed for Spain, to discover riches and land to conquer. First European to land in Florida near St. Augustine. Gave Spain claim to FL.

Cartier: sailed for France to colonize the New World. Explored St. Lawrence River near Quebec Canada. Gave France a N. Am. Claim.

Newport: sailed for England. To discover riches, find western sea route to Asia and to colonize VA. Arrived at present day Jamestown.