

Greek Geography



- **From the beginning the Greeks had to turn to the sea**
- **The first thing that can be seen is that the Greeks live on a Peninsula**
- **Being surrounded by water on 3 sides makes the water a huge asset.**
- **Greece also has many islands that are part of their heritage and persona.**



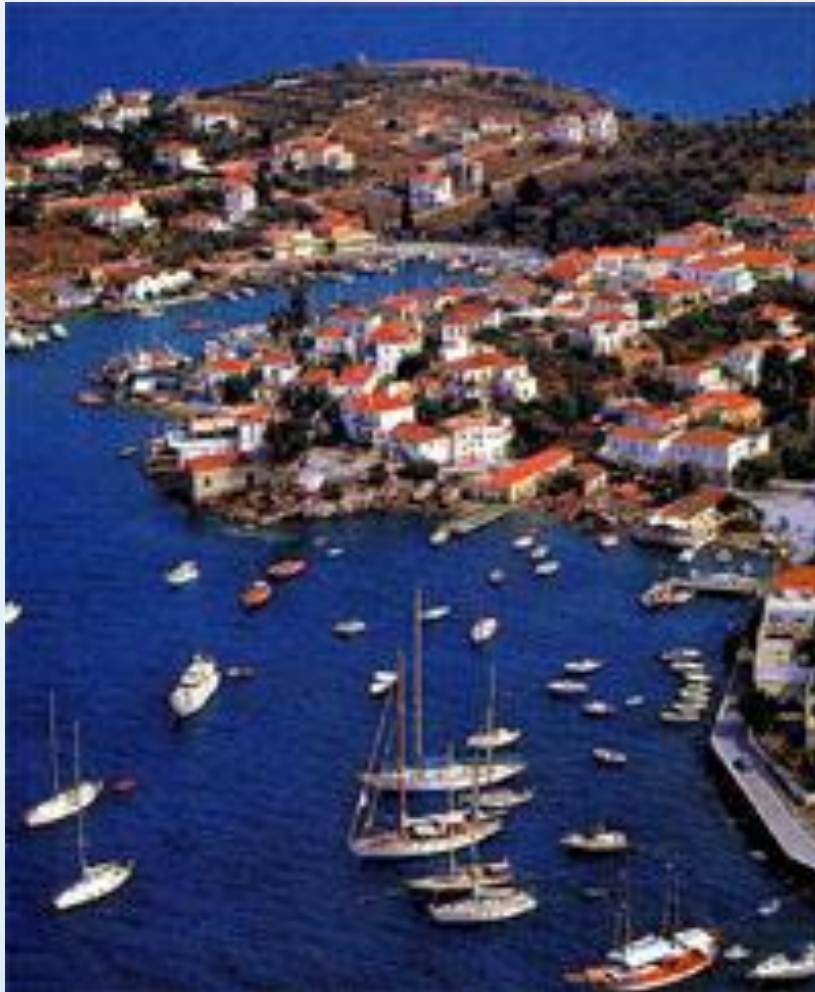
- **The Three seas that surround Greece are:**
- **East: Aegean Sea (Persian Empire)**
- **South: Mediterranean Sea (Egypt)**
- **West: Ionian Sea (Italy)**

75% of Greece is Mountainous



- **The mountainous nature of Greece forced the Greeks to turn to the sea.**
- **25% is farmable**





- **The Greeks became coastal**
- **The majority of their major cities were found by the coasts**

Major Cities



**The mountains made travel
between major city-states very
difficult**

**The Greeks saw themselves as one
when outsiders invaded, but
turned to their city-state first for
loyalty**

**City-states fought bitterly over land
and coastal harbors in the
classical era.**