



Gods and Mortals - Year 6



Compared to the UK

Both countries are located in Europe – the UK is in northern Europe, Greece is in southern Europe. Because it is more southerly than the UK, Greece is significantly warmer – the average temperature in Athens is 9°C warmer than the UK. Greece is smaller than the UK and has a smaller population. The highest point in Greece (Mt Olympus) is taller than the highest point in the UK (Ben Nevis).



The Parthenon

The Parthenon is a famous landmark located in Athens. It was built in 447 BC and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is located on top of a hill called the Acropolis and was built as a temple dedicated to the Ancient Greek Goddess Athena.



Physical Features

Greece has a Mediterranean climate because it is located in Southern Europe. It is warmer than the UK because it is more southerly, and it is closer to the equator. The average temperature in Greece is 33°C in the summer, and 14°C in the winter.

Greece is more mountainous in the north, where the Pindus Mountain Range is. The highest point in Greece is Mt Olympus, located in the north of the country near Thessaloniki. It is 2,917m above sea level. Southern Greece is made up of around 6,000 islands that are located in the Ionian and the Aegean Sea.

Famous Greek islands include Santorini, Crete, Rhodes and Corfu. Only 247 of these islands are inhabited.



Greece

Greece is a country located in the South of Europe. It borders Albania, Macedonia and Bulgaria to its north, and Turkey to its east. The capital city of Greece is Athens. Greece has the longest coastline of any country in Europe – its bordering seas are the Aegean Sea, the Ionian Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

Athens

Athens was founded in 508 BC by the Ancient Greeks and is the capital city of Greece! It is located on the southern coast of mainland Greece. It's a coastal city that borders the Aegean Sea. Athens is visited each year by over 6 million tourists each year.

Human Features

Greece has a long and rich history, dating all the way back to the time of the Ancient Greeks. Its warm climate and historical landmarks make it a hugely popular destination for tourists.

The population of Greece is almost 11 million people, making it the 14th most densely populated country in Europe.

Athens is the largest settlement in Greece, with a population of over 3 million people. Other large settlements include Thessaloniki, Patra, Piraeus and Larisa. Many Greek cities are located on the coast as the Ancient Greeks were seafaring people.

Greece is a member of the EU (European Union), and its currency is the Euro. Tourism is a key for the Greek economy, which has suffered many financial problems in the recent past.

Santorini

Santorini is a Greek island that is located in the Aegean Sea. It is famous for its buildings with blue roofs and its windmills. Santorini is hugely popular with tourists, attracting over 2 million tourists each year. Santorini is a volcanic island, and it is still an active volcano.



Trade

Greece has many natural resources such as coal, nickel and iron ore – it is also a large trader of petroleum products. Greece exports lots of different types of food; olive oil, dairy products (such as feta cheese), fresh sea food, vegetables, wine and tomato-based products. Most of Greece's economy relies on tourism; with 33.1 million tourists each year bringing in over 38 billion euros each year.

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