Geography of Greece

* The geography of Greece determined where people settled.
* The mountains and the lack of rivers made farming difficult.
* It also limited settlement in big, centralized cities.
* The many islands and extensive coastline would cause ancient Greeks to make their living on the sea.

City-States

* Greeks settled in city-states.
* Each city-state had a main city, or polis, often with their own style of government.

Types of Government

* monarchy: rule by one (king/queen)
* oligarchy: rule by a small group (Spartans)
* democracy: rule by the people (Athens)