**Greek GRAPES Chart**  
  
**Geography**:  
Greece is a peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea with many natural harbors.  In the winter the climate is mild and rainy.  In the summer it is hot and dry.  Greece is made up of thousands of islands. Greece is covered with mountains so they used the sea for travel and trade.  The soil is rocky but they grew grapes, olives, and figs and they also fished a lot since they were surrounded by water.  
  
**Religion**:  
Polytheistic. – believed these gods controlled aspects of life that the Greek people couldn’t explain or understand. Mythology – stories about their gods and goddesses.

Gods: Zeus, Poseidon, Hestia, Hermes, Hera, Hephaestus, Demeter, Athena Artemis, Ares, Apollo, Aphrodite, and Hades.

**Achievements**/Contributions:  
Philosophers: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

Architecture - Columns:  Doric, Corinthian, Ionic; other temples, beautiful pottery

Parthenon: a structure of Athens treasury which held a huge statue of Athena inside

Mythology, Greek Alphabet, Olympics,

Theater: comedy, tragedy, epic, and poetry. (The Iliad, The Odyssey, and Aesop Fables,

Democracy, Citizenship, trial by jury,

**Political** **System/& People to Know:**  
Sparta-Oligarchy

Athens-Democracy, Citizenship –voting rights and take part in discussing events of the time, democracy, trial by jury

Corinth-Monarchy

People – The philosophers: Socrates, Plato and Aristotle; Alexander the Great, Cyrus the Great, Xerxes, and Pericles.   
  
**Economics**:  
Sailing: Built ships (trade and fishing)  
Grew: Olives, grapes, and figs.  
Raised: Goats for milk and cheese. (Didn’t eat a lot of meat)  
  
**Social** **Structure**:  
Upper, Middle, Lower, Slaves

In most city-states the women stayed home and took care of the household while the men did the business including shopping for goods. Sparta was somewhat different.