



The Lay of the Land

DIRECTIONS: Use information from "Greece Lightning (and Other Conditions)" and "The Aegean World" map. List the seven geographic features and predict what you think the impact of each would be on the development of Ancient Greece.

Characteristic	Impact	Positive or Negative?
Temperature:		
Rainfall:		
Peninsula and islands surrounded by water		
No major rivers		
Most of the land is rugged, rough, mountains		
Lots of mountain valleys with fertile soil		
Settlements spread out and separated by water or mountains		



Have and Have Nots



What the Ancient Greeks HAD

- grapes (and good climate and soil to grow them)
- olives (and good climate and soil to grow them)
- sheep (wool, meat, cheese, milk)
- goats (meat, cheese, milk)
- islands close by and numerous water routes for travel
- metals/mining (iron and bronze)

What the Ancient Greeks LACKED

- a large amount of farmland suitable to grow staple crops such as wheat and other grains
- livestock that could feed a large number of people (cows, pigs, etc)
- a wide variety of fruits and vegetables
- lighter textiles suitable for warm climates (such as cotton)

What do you think the Greeks had that was most important to the success of their economy? Why? _____

What do you think the Greeks lacked that was the greatest obstacle to the success of their economy? How could they overcome the obstacle? _____

Why do you think landowners were so wealthy and powerful in Ancient Greece? _____
