Good morning!

• You need: both sheets from yesterday!

• Write HW in agenda: BRING IN CANS

• College day tomorrow: Wear college shirts and hats!
Ancient Greece

**BIG IDEA:** Greece’s geography and closeness to seas influenced their need for trade and independent city-states.
How has the geography of your state impacted your lives?

- Driving/transportation
- Vacation
- School
- Clothing
- Recreation

Geography also had huge impacts on Ancient Greeks and their daily lives and activities!
Unlike the other civilizations we’ve studied, Greece didn’t develop in a river valley, but was bordered by water.

- Located in southern eastern Europe
- On more than 400 neighboring islands and peninsulas that all are surrounded by seas!

These islands and peninsulas were covered with high mountains. This made travel across land very difficult. Greeks had to adapt! So, they mostly traveled by water.
Greece is very mountainous
• 75% of Greece is covered by mountains
• Difficult to farm

Surrounded by seas
• Greece is located on the Balkan Peninsula
• Made trade easier
  – Could get what they could not grow
  – Also brought ideas back with them
  – Usually traded by water, because land was difficult to navigate
Greece - Peninsulas

To review, a peninsula is:
An area of land almost entirely surrounded by water (on 3 sides and connected to land on the 4th)

Important Peninsulas in Greece were:
• Attica- A peninsula in east-central Greece on the Aegean Sea on which Athens was built.
• Contained excellent harbors for ships and fishing boats
• Peloponnesus- The southern tip of the Greek mainland where the city-state Sparta was located
• Large mountainous region ringed by a thin band of fertile land
Greece - Islands

- The country of Greece is made up of over 400 different islands. Islands are completely surrounded by water.
- These islands were covered by mountains and it was hard to communicate with other parts of Greece (because they were all separated).
- This caused them to form separate city-states with their own rules and customs.

**Crete:** The largest of the islands that make up Greece
Greece - Mountains

• The largest mountain in Greece is Mt. Olympus. In Greek mythology this is known as “the seat of the gods”

• As we stated before, the mountains in Greece made it very hard for them to farm. This means there were only certain crops that could be grown
Let’s Review… Turn and Talk

1) What did Greece have to become very good at in order to survive?

2) How might geography influence the spread of Greek culture?

3) What things caused them to have to adapt?
Climate of Ancient Greece

Greece has a Mediterranean climate, which means:

- Winters are mild and wet
  - allows for limited farming
  - grapes and olives

- Summers are warm and dry
  - leads to drought
  - grapes and olives are one of the few plants that can survive the summer droughts
ECONOMY OF ANCIENT GREECE

• Like most places, Greece traded what they had extra of or what was easy to make

• Barley & Wheat were grown to make bread

• Grapes and olives were easy to grow in rocky and hilly areas

• Sailing was popular way to trade
Olive Oil and Wine

- Most valuable Greek product was olive oil
- Good for cooking, flavoring food, Used for lamp fuel, Used for body lotion
- Greeks sold the Olive Oil to get other goods that they could not produce

- Since grapes were also easy for them to grow, Greeks soon learned to make wine which was another valuable good to trade.
ROLE OF BODIES OF WATER

• Main source of food through fishing industry
• Most important routes for trade and travel will be the seas
• Military will depend on sailing the seas to expand the Greek empire
• Communication
**Impact of Geography**

**Advantages**
- Protection
- Easy to trade via seas
- Solid fishing industry
- Specialized crops - grapes, olives, etc.
- Excellent for sailing

**Disadvantages**
- Difficult for agriculture
- Tough to travel across land
- Inconsistent climate
- Very spread out
- Few rivers
- Hard to communicate with other islands
Your task
• Complete the Map of Greece WS, then Complete the chart at the bottom of the worksheet. Tell how the different geographic features HELPED Greece and also how they made life more DIFFICULT for Greece.