

The Mediterranean



1. The Mediterranean is a large sea that separates Europe from Africa.	2. It stretches from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to Asia in the east.	3. Many early civilizations developed in the Mediterranean region.	4. The Mediterranean Sea covers about 970,000 square miles.	5. Our laws, language, cuisine, customs and ideas stem from civilizations in the Mediterranean.
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The Mediterranean Basin
11. Tourism is a major source of money for many countries around the Mediterranean.
12. There are more than 3300 islands.
13. The Mediterranean Sea is connected to the Atlantic Ocean by a narrow passage called the Strait of Gibraltar.
14. This sea basin was formed because of the African and Eurasian plates converging.



Greece
6. Greece has the longest coastline in Europe.
7. Capital of Greece: Athens
8. Population: 10,761,523
9. The mainland has rugged mountains, forests, and lakes.
10. Mount Olympus is Greece's highest mountain at 2,917 meters above sea level.

Natural disasters					
15. Volcanoes are a vital part of the life, culture and legends of the Mediterranean	16. Mount Vesuvius - Italy 79 AD 	17. Mount Etna - Sicily 	18. Stromboli 	19. About 10% of all tsunamis worldwide happen in the Mediterranean	20. The strongest tidal wave registered in Greece so far reached a height of 30 meters.

