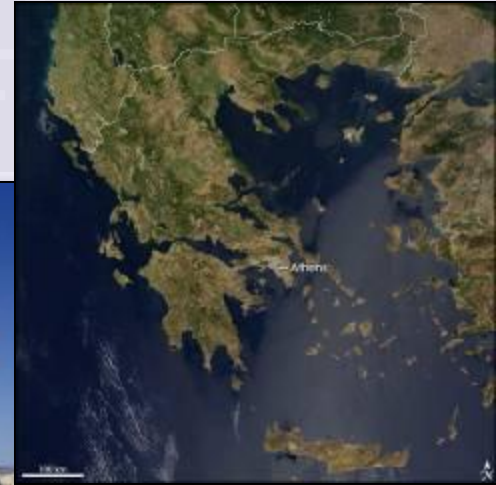


GEOGRAPHY AND CIVILIZATIONS OF THE AEGEAN



ANCIENT GREEK GEOGRAPHY

- A peninsula
- At the southern end of the Balkans
- 1400 islands
 - maritime culture
- About the size of Alabama
 - Slightly larger than Ohio



PELOPONNESUS



Peninsula within
a peninsula



IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES OF GREECE

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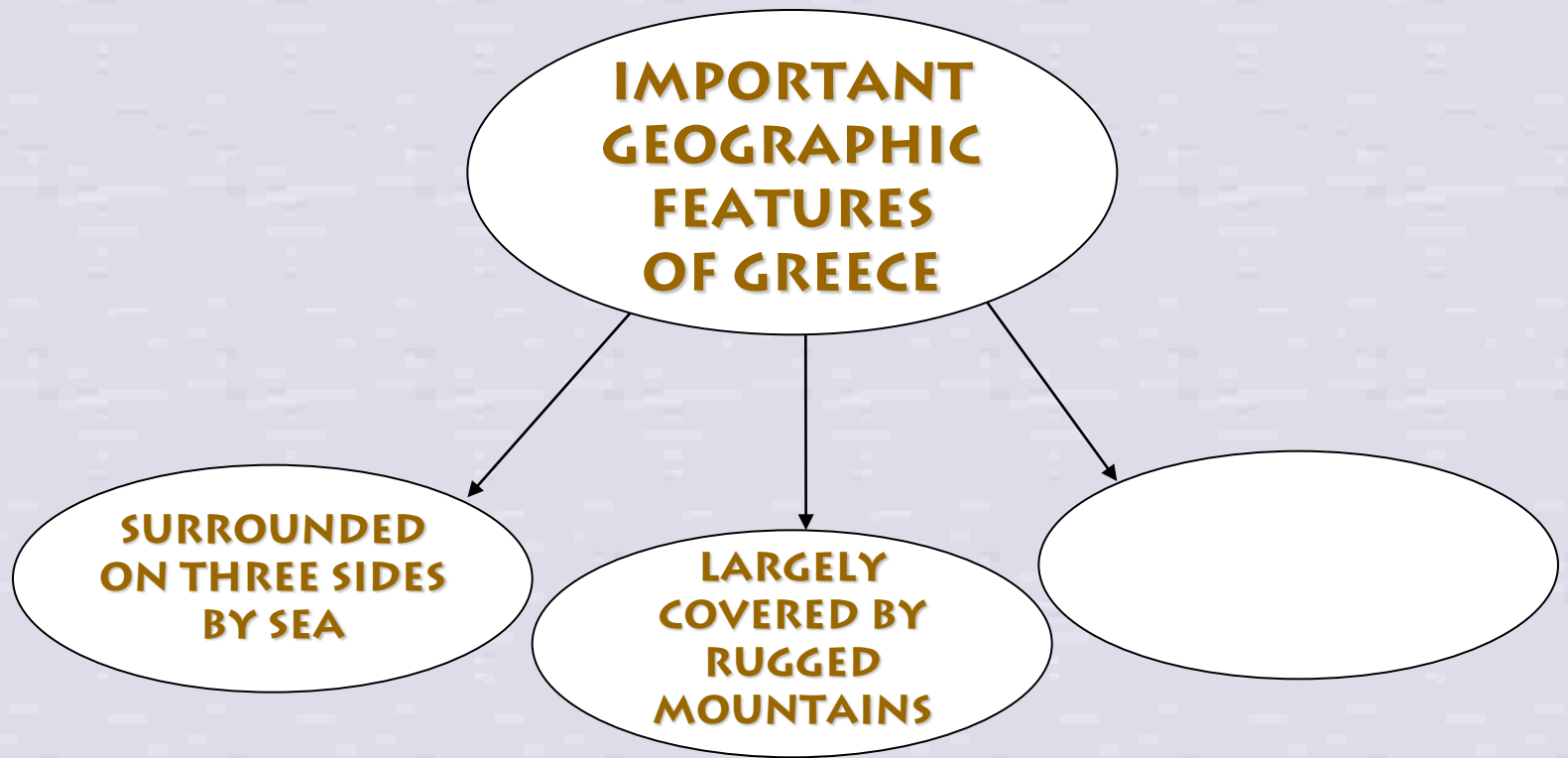
- Aegean Sea – east
- Ionian Sea - west
- Mediterranean Sea – south



THE HELLESPONT

- Strait connecting Aegean Sea and Black Sea
 - separates Asia Minor and Greece
- Now known as '*the Dardanelles*'





- 80% of Greece is covered by mountains or hills
- Pindos Mountains – “Greek Rockies”



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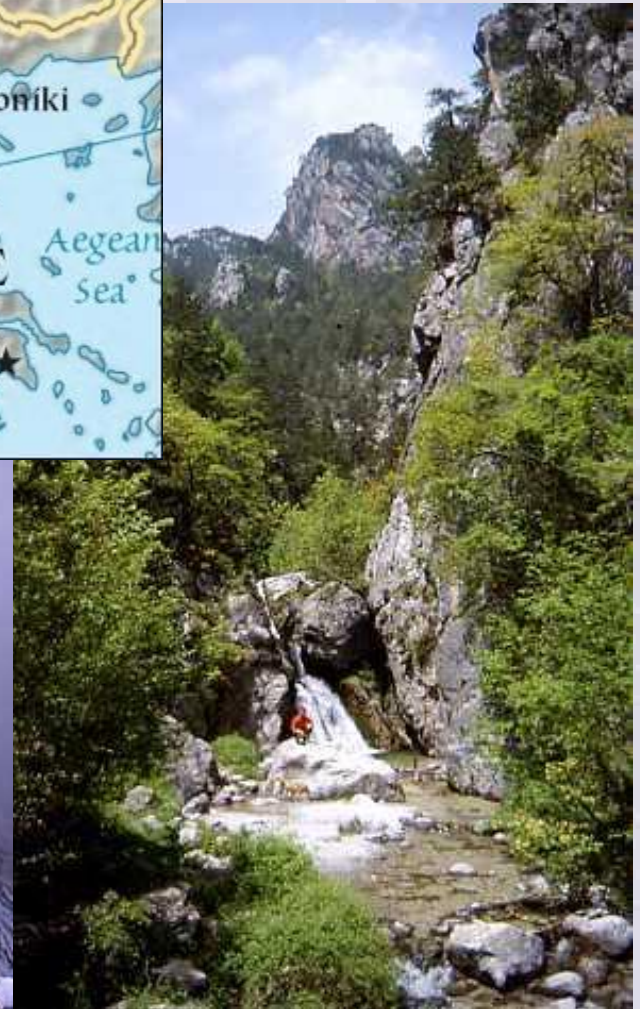
**LARGELY
COVERED BY
RUGGED
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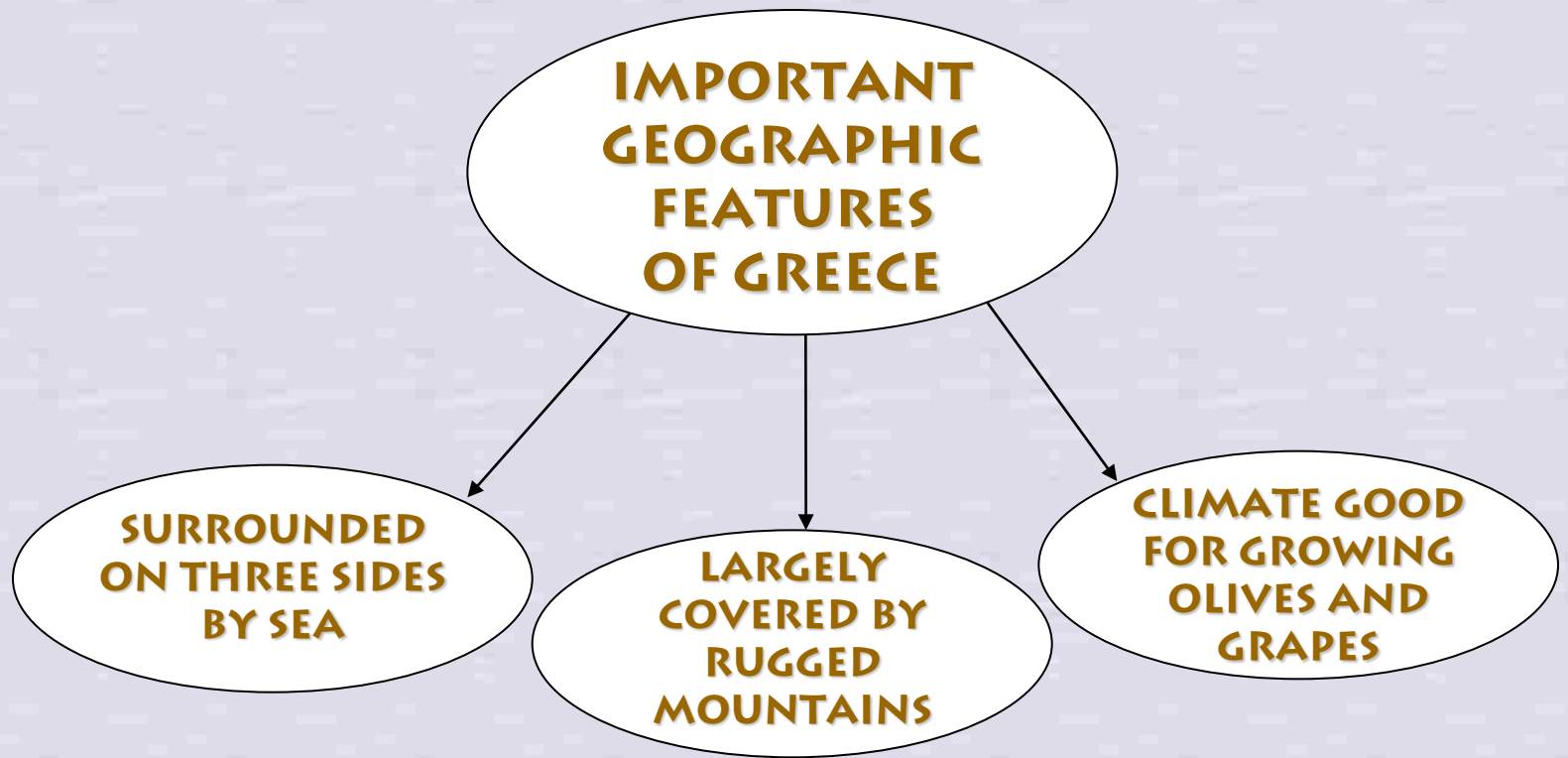
- Highest point is Mt. Olympus (Olimbos) – 9570 ft.



MOUNT OLYMPUS

Home of
the gods ??





- Hot/dry summers
- Cool/wet winters ($\frac{3}{4}$ of rainfall)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ of land suitable for farming
- olives → olive oil, grapes → wine, wheat → bread

1400 ISLANDS

- 227 are inhabited
- Largest is Crete
- Tourism



Corfu



Crete



Mykonos



Rhodes



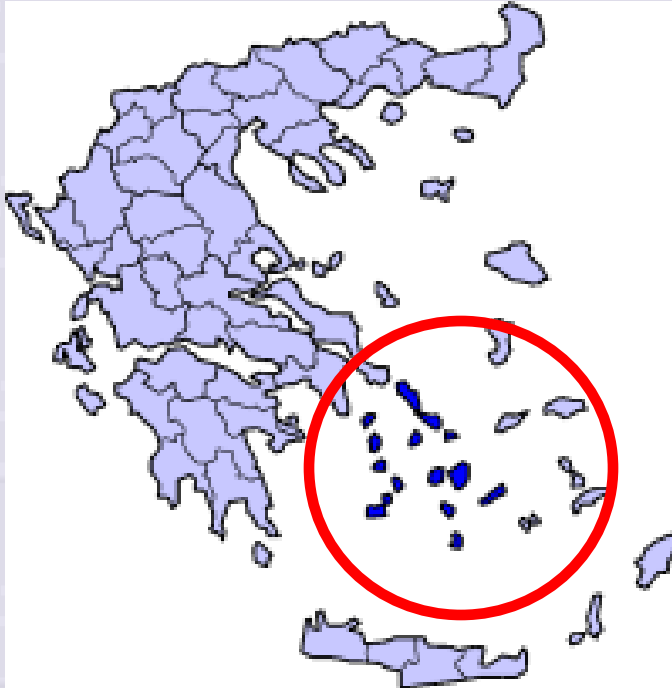
**Santorini
(Thera)**

CRETE

- Largest Greek island
- Home to the Minoans
- Capital was Knossos



CYCLADES ISLANDS



- Archipelago
- 220 islands
- Underwater part of Pindos Mountains

THERA

- Minoan island → Atlantis ???
- Destroyed in 1628 BC by a super volcano
- <http://dsc.discovery.com/convergence/supervolcano/interactive/interactive.html>



THE MINOANS

- Named Minoans after King Minos



PALACE AT KNOSSOS

- 1400 rooms
- “Minotaur” in the labyrinth ?



WORSHIPPED BULLS



MINOAN WRITING



- Linear A
 - 1700 BC – 1450 BC
 - We can't read it yet
- Linear B
 - 1450 BC – 1350 BC
 - We CAN read this

MINOAN COMMERCE



- Great shipbuilders
- Large trade network
- Exported
 - wool
 - olive oil
 - timber
- Imported
 - other raw materials
 - luxury items

END OF MINOAN CIVILIZATION

- Theory 1
 - Mycenaeans - 1400 BC
- Theory 2
 - volcano at Thera - 1628 BC
 - May have allowed “Theory 1”



THE MYCENAEANS

- 1600-1150 BC
- City of Mycenae
 - on mainland Greece
- Liked war... a lot!
- King Agamemnon
 - led the Greeks during Trojan War



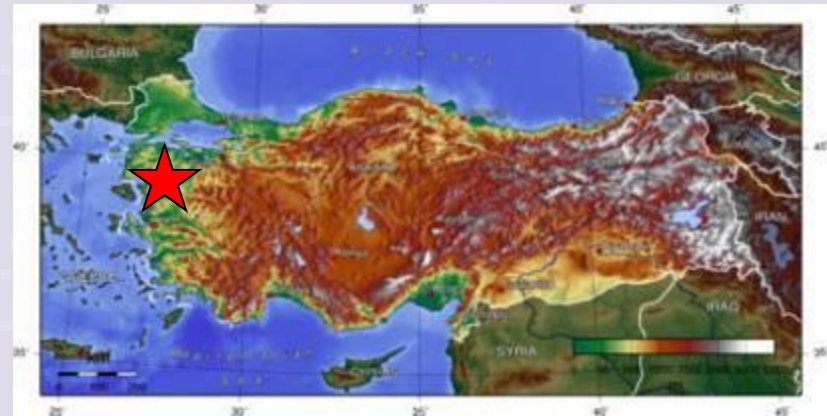
DAWN OF THE "DARK AGES"

- Mycenae destroyed -
1150 BC
 - Earthquakes ?? Sea
People ?? Pirates??
- Greece entered
"Dark Ages"



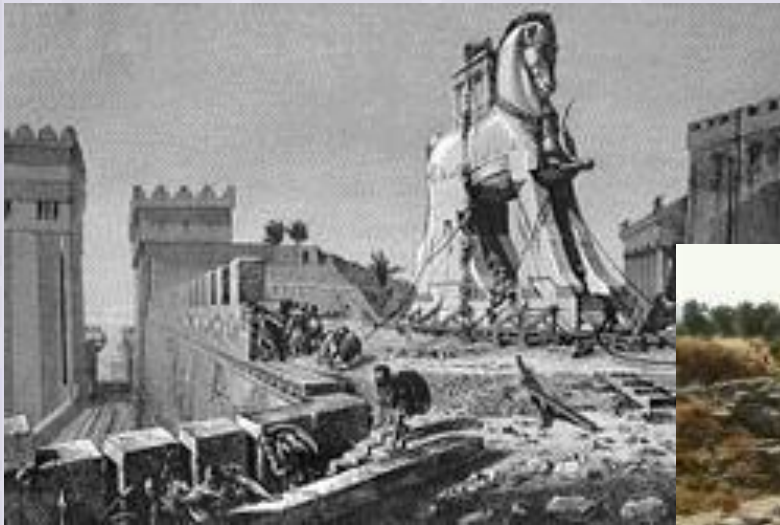
THE TROJANS

- City of Troy
 - Trade rival vs. Greeks
- King Priam and his son Paris



TROJAN WAR

- 10-year war
- Greeks destroyed Troy
- 1190 BC
 - Trick? Trojan Horse



JUST FOR FUN !!!

- Visit the major Greek Islands on Google Earth
 - Download it at <http://earth.google.com>
 - Under “Layers” at bottom left of screen
 - Check boxes for
 - **Terrain**
 - **Featured Content**
 - **Borders**
 - **Populated Places**
 - **Geographic Features** (optional – shows mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, etc.)
 - [Click here to download](#) and install the Google Earth .kmz file to add the these Greek islands to your “My Places”
 - You can use Wikipedia to get coordinates
 - <http://www.wikipedia.org>
 - Copy and paste coordinates into Google Earth

JUST FOR FUN !!!

- **The Cyclades Islands** – 37°00'N 25°10'E
 - **Thera (Santorini)** – 36°25'N 25°26'E
 - Volcano – 36°24'14.40"N 25°23'45.60"E
 - **Delos** – 37°24'N 25°16'E
 - Ruins / Amphitheatre – 37°23'54.44"N 25°16'1.13"E
- **Crete** – 35°18'N 25°10'E
 - 1400-room Palace of Minos at Knossos – 35°17'52.68"N 25° 9'48.10"E
- **Lesbos** – 39°10'N 26°20'E
 - Sappho's city of Myteline – 39° 6'11.42"N 26°33'24.85"E
- **Rhodes** – 36°10'N 28°00'E
 - Colossus of Rhodes and Medieval city – 36°26'49.12"N 28°13'49.58"E
- **Salamis** – 37°58'N 23°30'E
 - Paloukia Port – 37°57'41.52"N 23°31'42.61"E