

# Vocabulary for Ancient Greece

## Geography

1. Crete - island south of the mainland of Greece
2. Balkan - mainland peninsula
3. Peloponnesus - Southern peninsula of mainland
4. Pindus - mountain range running down the center of Greece
5. Macedonia - Territory north of Greece

## Political

1. city-state - independent city with separate government
2. Minoans - first Greeks that lived on Crete destroyed by a volcano
3. Mycenaean - conquered the remaining Minoans lived on the mainland
4. polis - another name for city-state
5. acropolis - high hill where the government buildings are located
6. Aristocrat - wealthy land owners
7. hoplite - Greek soldier
8. Tyrant - leader that takes over the government with the support of people
9. popular Government - government where people have a say so
10. Democracy- citizens govern themselves