Greece

Full name: The Hellenic Republic
Government: parliamentary republic

Location: Southern Europe, bordering the Aegean Sea, Ionian Sea, and the Mediterranean Sea, between Albania and Turkey
Capital: Athens
Area: 131,957 sq km (50,949 sq miles); slightly smaller than Alabama

Climate: temperate; mild, wet winters; hot, dry summers
Terrain: mostly mountains with ranges extending into the sea as peninsulas or chains of islands
Natural Hazards: severe earthquakes

Population: 11 million (UN, 2005)
Ethnicity: population: Greek 93%, other (Albanians, various Slavic minorities, and Turks) 7%
Major Language: Greek
Religion: Greek Orthodox 98%, Muslim 1.3%, other 0.7%
Life expectancy: 76 years (men), 81 years (women) (UN)

Currency: 1 euro = 100 cents