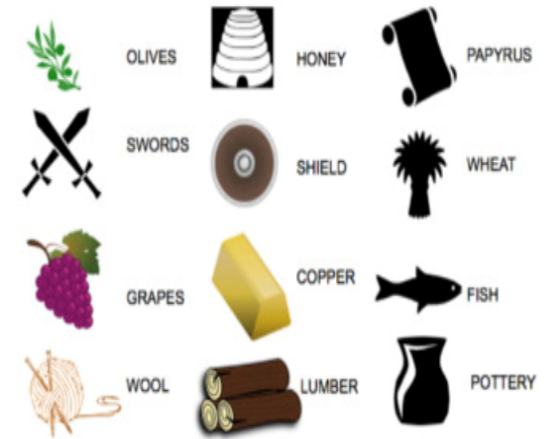




Key Vocabulary	Definition
Mediterranean	The Mediterranean is a large sea that separates Europe from Africa. It stretches from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to Asia in the east. Many early civilizations developed in the Mediterranean region.
Natural resources	A natural resource is something that is found in nature and can be used by people. Earth's natural resources include light, air, water, plants, animals, soil, stone, minerals, and fossil fuels.
Ithaca	a Greek island to the west of Greece
Trade	buying and selling of goods and services
Archaic Period	This period ran from the start of Greek civilization in 800 BC to the introduction of Democracy in 508 BC. This period included the start of the Olympic Games
Merchant	a person who buys and sells goods especially on a large scale or with foreign countries



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Key info

The Ancient Greeks described their own soil by saying, “The gods threw down a pile of rocks.” However, rather than let that stop them from thriving, they decided to find other ways to prosper. By traveling by sea to other lands, they were able to establish colonies and also trade their goods for other items that people needed to survive. Because of the wealth brought in by this trade, the people not only survived, but also thrived. They traded items like wine, olives, olive oil, pottery, etc.

When they travelled abroad, they focused on trading goods that other cultures may desire because they didn’t produce it themselves. This included items like, unique art and crafts, such as sculptures and pottery, wine, olive oil, and their metalworking. In fact, it is the metalworking that seems to have made the biggest difference. Over time, the items were also traded for coin once the world switched to using currency.

The fact that the land in Ancient Greece wasn’t fertile didn’t stop Ancient Greece from developing into one of the most powerful and influential civilizations in the world