



# ASSESSMENT

## TERMS & NAMES

Explain the significance of each of the following:

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|--------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. peninsula | 2. plain  | 3. city-state  | 4. Aegean Sea | 5. Athens       |
| 6. republic  | 7. empire | 8. Constantine | 9. feudalism  | 10. Magna Carta |

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**A Land of Varied Riches** (pages 67–71)

1. What is special about Europe's physical environment?
2. Why is the Great European Plain an important region?

**Ancient Greece** (pages 72–76)

3. What helped to unite the separate city-states of ancient Greece?
4. What caused the people of Athens to join forces with their rival city-state, Sparta, in 480 B.C.?

**Ancient Rome** (pages 78–83)

5. Why did the ancient Romans call the Mediterranean Sea "our sea"?
6. Why did the Roman Senate ask Julius Caesar to resign?

**Time of Change: The Middle Ages** (pages 84–89)

7. Why did the people turn to the Roman Catholic Church for leadership and support during the Middle Ages?
8. What contributed to the growth of towns during the Middle Ages?

## CRITICAL THINKING

**Recognizing Effects**

1. Using your completed chart from Reading Social Studies, p. 66, identify changes in art, culture, religion, and social structure from the time of ancient Rome to the Middle Ages.

**Hypothesizing**

2. Many myths and plays of ancient Greece have been the basis for modern films and dramas. What does this indicate about these ancient stories and characters?

**Analyzing Causes**

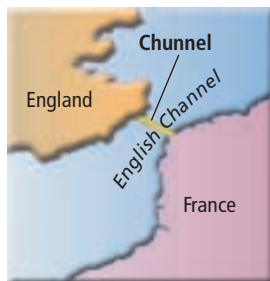
3. How did the long, peaceful reign of Augustus help to promote architecture, literature, and art in the Roman Empire?

## Visual Summary

1

### A Land of Varied Riches

- The rich natural resources and varied geography of Europe helped to shape its development.



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### Ancient Greece

- The ancient Greeks developed a complex society and system of government.
- The achievements of the ancient Greeks in architecture, literature, and philosophy had a lasting impact on the world.

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### Ancient Rome

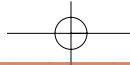
- Under strong leadership, ancient Rome experienced a time of great growth.
- Ancient Rome's contributions to government, engineering, and literature influenced Western culture.

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### Time of Change: The Middle Ages

- The social order and government of the Middle Ages transformed Europe into a modern society.



## SOCIAL STUDIES SKILLBUILDER

"Across the Roman Empire . . . [T]here were gods to protect the house, gods of healing, in fact gods of all aspects of life."  
—Ancient Rome

"[The ancient Greeks] believed there were many gods and that those gods controlled the universe."  
—Greek Gods and Heroes

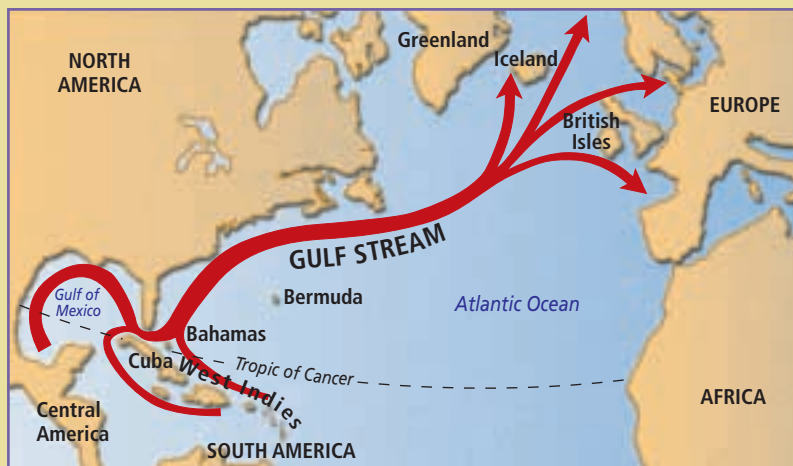
"Each [Roman] home had a special niche or place for the household gods. Every aspect of nature had its particular spirit too."  
—The New Book of Knowledge

### SKILLBUILDER: Making a Generalization

1. What information do these passages have in common?
2. What generalization can you make from the passages?

## FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHY

1. **Location** • What bodies of water does the Gulf Stream flow through on the way to Europe?
2. **Movement** • How might the Gulf Stream help transportation by sea?
3. **Location** • From looking at the map, what countries in Europe do you think are most directly affected by the Gulf Stream?



## CHAPTER PROJECTS

### Interdisciplinary Activity: Language Arts

#### Writing a Newspaper Report

Research the assassination of Julius Caesar by a group of Roman senators in 44 B.C. Write a front-page news article about the event. Include a headline and answers to the *who*, *what*, *where*, and *when* questions of good reporting.

### Cooperative Learning Activity

**Creating a Playbill** With a group of two or three students, design and create a playbill, or program for the audience, for a Greek tragedy. Assign responsibilities for the playbill.

- Design a cover illustration.
- List and identify the characters.
- Provide information about the playwright.
- Include a brief summary of the story.



## INTERNET ACTIVITY

Use the Internet to research the natural resources of Europe. Focus on one region, such as the Ruhr Valley, the Mediterranean Sea, or the independent republics of Eastern Europe. Identify the major natural resources and explain how they contributed to that region's development.

**Presenting Your Findings** Organize your research for a class presentation. Include a map that shows the region and its resources. Prepare a short oral report about how that region has developed in modern times. List the Web sites you used to prepare your report.

For Internet links to support this activity, go to



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