

Nations and Peoples (v.4/22/06)

The Greeks (Northern Greek Kingdoms, The Southern City-states, the Islands, and others)

The Northern Greek Kingdoms (Macedonia's Neighbors)

Chalkidike – sacred to Poseidon, this trident-shaped peninsula exports fish and wine

Epiros – the home kingdom of Alexander's mother, Olympias, Epiros looks to the west

Thessalians – well-known horsemen, nearly as good at the charge as Macedonians;
their wisewomen are famed for their insight, and feared for their curses

The Southern City-states

Argos – this “city of shipbuilders” lies near the ruins of ancient Mycenae

Athens – by far the largest city in Greece, a place of radical politics and great learning

Boeotia – the only southern Greeks who produce any cavalry of note

Corinth – a mercantile city, placed at crossroads by land and sea

Olympia – City sacred to Zeus, the site of the Olympic games in his honor

Sparta – their totalitarian life produces tough, well-disciplined heavy infantry

Thebes – military innovators who dominated Greece until Philippos

The Islands

Chios – wine- and olive-growing island, birthplace of Homer and Hippocrates

Crete – famous for its archers, sailors, con-men, and the occasional minotaur

Delos – sacred to Apollo

Kypros – far in the eastern Med., this birthplace of Aphrodite is rich in copper

Lesvos – wine-growing island, birthplace of Sappho “The Tenth Muse”

Rhodes – mercantile center, has school of rhetoric, also well-known for slingers

Samos – sacred to Hera, home of the Pythagorean school of sorcery

Samothrace – sacred to all the gods

Thasos – controlled by Macedon, extensive mines, makes the best wine in the world

Thera – the crescent-shaped “Island of Fear”, known for its restless dead

Other Greeks

Byzantium – a colony of Athens, this town leads to the breadbaskets of the Black Sea

Magna Graecia - Greek city-states of southern Italy (Locri, Neapolis, Tarentum)

Ionians – the Greeks of Asia Minor, under Persian rule

Massilia – a mercantile city in the distant west

Syracuse – the largest city of Sicily

The Northern Barbarians

Agrianes – a mountain people noted for their bravery and ferocity in combat

Illyrians – raiders and thieves, untrustworthy

Paeonians – horsemen and herders, they rely on mounted javelineers for defense

Sarmatians – horse nomads whose women fight alongside the men, enemies of the Scythians

Scythians – horse nomads, noted for their skill with herbs as well as the bow

Thracians – a numerous and warlike people, usually busy fighting among themselves